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World Waits For
His Decision

THE whole civilised world will feel a surge of relief and satisfaction as a result of the doctors' report that President Eisenhower's health is such that he can look forward safely to leading an active life for another five to ten years. The reactions are not stimulated by political considerations, but stem from warm admiration and deep respect for a man whose life is guided by the highest principles and who has long used his outstanding talents in the interests of his fellow beings.

Mr Eisenhower is not only the President of the United States; he has become the leader of the free world—a man wholly trusted, and whose health is a matter of concern to millions outside of his own country. His doctors' report provides the best news so far this year.

But while President Eisenhower must himself feel deeply gratified by return to full strength and vigour, the fact confronts him with the task of making a decision which, no matter what form it takes, will have repercussions throughout the world. Within the next week or ten days he will probably decide, and publicly announce, whether or not he is prepared to offer himself for a second term as President of the United States.

If he answers in the affirmative, there is little doubt that the electors will give him the same solid backing as they did in 1952. It would matter not if he ran on the Republican or Democratic ticket, he would undoubtedly be re-elected.

The free world, conscious that it must look to the United States for much of its leadership, would be delighted if Mr Eisenhower elected to run for another term. Among the statesmen of the world, he is the one who most commands the respect of the Soviet leaders. Moreover, his strength of purpose and his firm convictions based on high principles, provide the democracies with an unassailable moral leadership and inspiration. For the free world the popular slogan "I like Ike" has become "We want Ike."

If Mr Eisenhower decides to run again and is re-elected, America's friends would also like to see a strong bipartisan affiliation in foreign affairs. With all his talents, Mr Foster Dulles has been inclined, more particularly during recent months, to show bipartisanism. Some of his speeches have outraged liberals and have bred in them a suspicion of the Eisenhower administration's foreign policies.

Within the American political system there is always room for a bipartisan policy in matters affecting international relations, and this becomes more pronounced when, as at present, Congress is composed of a Democratic majority, though the President is a Republican.

In the years ahead, as now, the responsibilities of any US administration in dealing with international affairs must assume great importance, and its policy decisions must deeply affect not only America's friends and allies but the enemies of the free world. With this in mind, a really solid bipartisan understanding at Capitol Hill would infuse new confidence throughout the democracies. And how better could this be accomplished than by having a man like Dwight Eisenhower as President and a man such as Adlai Stevenson as his Secretary of State?

LABOUR MOVE AGAINST EDEN

Censure Motion
In Commons

ECONOMIC
POLICY
ATTACKED

London, Feb. 15. The Labour Opposition tonight tabled an official censure motion in the House of Commons on the Government's handling of the economic situation.

The motion came on the eve of an important statement by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Harold Macmillan, in the House of Commons on measures he proposes to use to fight inflation.

The Labour motion was in the name of Mr Hugh Gaitskill, Leader of the Party, and other leaders.

The motion deplores the continuing failure of the Government to stop the rise in prices and close the nation's trade gap. The cabinet is expected to consider the censure motion tomorrow and it will probably be debated in the House of Commons next week.

HIGHER BANK RATE?

Reports that Mr Macmillan's anti-inflation measures would include the imposition of building licences or import restrictions were denied tonight by a Treasury spokesman.

The Labour move followed the release of trade statistics for last month, which showed a depressing widening of the gap between exports and imports.

It came as Fleet Street buzzed reports that the Bank of England would raise the Bank rate tomorrow, possibly as high as six per cent. The Bank rate is now 4½ per cent but apparently it has not checked the flow of money in Britain. — Reuter and United Press.

GERMAN MIGRANT BOYS CHARGED
WITH SADISTIC TORTURE ORGY

Melbourne, Feb. 15. Two 15-year-old German migrants were arrested today on charges of torturing eight Australian schoolboys in a sadistic orgy. The news caused fears that Nazi youth methods had been transplanted to Australia.

Police disclosed that eight boys from 10 to 13 years old were rounded up last weekend, taken to an isolated cypress grove near the Melbourne suburb of Footscray, and subjected to various forms of physical and mental torture.

The names of the two boys who carried out what the authorities described as "the worst case of juvenile delinquency in Victoria State history" were withheld from the public because of their ages.

They came to Australia from Germany with their parents about three years ago. The police said they kidnapped the younger boys in pairs at the point of knives and an airgun, took them to the grove, and bound and gagged them. Later, the captives were used as targets for airgun and knife-throwing practice. Four were wounded.

Terrorists Kill
Cypriot

Nicosia, Feb. 15. Terrorist gunmen shot down another of their own countrymen today for the second time in 12 hours.

A gunman shot and seriously wounded a Greek Cypriot, Costas Achillea, as he went to work from his village 50 miles west of Nicosia.

MALAYA TO
RECRUIT
HK DOCTORS

London, Feb. 15. Mr John Hare, Minister of State for Colonial Affairs, said today the Government of Malaya planned to recruit from Hongkong doctors who had the full qualifications necessary for registration in the Federation.

Doctors from China would not be excluded, he told a questioner in the House of Commons.

Mr Reginald Sorensen, a Labour member, had asked what was being done to recruit doctors for Malaya from Hongkong or China. — Reuter.

GOVT. BID
TO END
DISPUTES

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GREEN PAINT

One of the victims revealed that one knife-thrower had daubed "green paint on his face and body and had donned an Indian head-dress. The police believed that other schoolboys may have been victims but had not complained to the authorities.

The two German youths previously had been taken into custody for stealing. One escaped from the Royal Park Boys Home recently.

During the abduction and torture the victims were warned that they would be shot if they tried to escape.

Died Outside
Mortuary

Missouri, Feb. 15. Mr Eugene "Bud" an 85-year-old rancher, paid for his funeral and then committed suicide by shooting himself outside the mortuary here, the coroner found yesterday. — China Mail Special.

IN BRIEF
GOING BALD
Halifax, Feb. 15. A coroner's inquest found that Brian Cropper, 17, hanged himself from a beam in his home because he thought he was going bald. — United Press.

Revised Plan
For Soviet
Leaders' Visit
To Britain

London, Feb. 15. The visit of the Soviet Premier Marshal Nikolai Bulganin and the Communist Party Secretary Mr Nikita Khrushchev to Britain next April will be more of a "business trip" than the goodwill tour it was originally intended to be, high authoritative sources said today.

They said a committee under the Minister of State Lord Reading revised a programme prepared for the visit before the Soviet leaders toured India, Burma and Afghanistan last November and December and made speech after speech attacking Britain's colonial policies.

The revised programme was sent to Sir William Hayter, British Ambassador in Moscow, for presentation to the Soviet Foreign Minister Mr V. M. Molotov.

The sources would not divulge the major changes in the programme but it was understood that the number of occasions on which the Soviet leaders could make public speeches has been drastically cut.

U.S. The Target?

The British decision was apparently prompted by fears that the Soviet leaders might make the United States their target in public speeches. In Britain with possible damaging effects on Anglo-American relations.

But authoritative quarters said, the revised programme would give Marshal Bulganin and Mr Khrushchev much more time than was originally intended for discussions with members of the Government.

One certainly appeared to be that Sir Anthony would include disarmament on the list of subjects to be discussed. — United Press.

12, struck on head, chafe marks on limbs; Angelo Georgopoulos, 13, wrist wound and shock; Lawrence Peters, 11, finger sliced where signet ring was removed, chafe marks on wrists; Paul Mugdzlars, 12, brand on wrist, slug wounds on finger and toe, chafe marks; Marien Mugdzlars, 10, brand, chafe marks; Eddie Rakunas, 13, arm brand, chafe marks, chafe marks.

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To Forces

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S'pore Detective
Charged

Singapore, Feb. 15. Detective Stephen David William Jones, 23, attached to the C.I.D. Singapore, who disappeared from the Colony on February 8 and was later found as a stowaway aboard a ship to Ceylon, was today remanded in custody.

He was charged with unlawfully absconding himself from duty. He pleaded not guilty. — Reuter.

U.S. FEARS OF
WAR IN
MIDDLE EAST

Washington, Feb. 15. The Assistant Secretary of State, Mr George Allen, said today there was "serious" danger of war in the Middle East unless something was done to lessen tension.

This was one of the most depressing statements made by a high Government official on the Arab-Israeli crisis, in an interview with British, French and American correspondents on the State Department's radio "Voice of America."

Mr Allen said he was never willing to admit that war was inevitable anywhere. But he added: "It is likely that the States of that area with their present tense attitude could be involved in serious military operations. I think that the likelihood is serious."

He said a factor in favour of sending arms to Israel was the fact that Egypt had received a "very considerable amount" of modern weapons from the Soviet bloc.

He said Russian MIG planes, believed to have been furnished to Egypt, were faster than any other planes in the Middle East. Such modern weapons, he said, upset the balance of military power in the area.

DIPLOMATS MEET

Leading diplomats of Britain, France and the U.S. met today to consider a new joint action plan to consider the Arab-Israeli crisis. The meeting was held in the face of Soviet protests that movement of Western troops to the Middle East without U.N. approval would constitute a "gross violation" of the U.N. Charter and a threat to peace.

The Western Big Three are not now considering sending troops to the Middle East. But informants said such a step would be actively considered if large-scale hostilities broke out. Mr Allen said the United States was "very anxious" to maintain peace.

On the other hand, Mr Allen said, the United States did not want to get involved in an arms race in the area, and did not want to encourage Israel to buy military equipment with the small amount of money it possessed.

Mr Allen said the United States had not ruled out eventual American membership in the five-nation Baghdad Pact, but did not want to get involved now in disputes among Arab nations. — United Press.

Deviating from the policy of secrecy, Mr Lloyd said, "might result in these countries purchasing from other suppliers and we should lose any control at all."

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NEW RULERS
FOR RUSSIA

Mr K Has
An Eye
For Women

London, Feb. 15. Russia's top leadership for the next few years is likely to be chosen from a list of 36 men and three women.

Mr Nikita Khrushchev, First Secretary and "strong man" of the Soviet Communist Party, hinted that more women should be elected to leading posts in his key note policy report to the 20th party Congress in Moscow yesterday.

He complained that a number of Party and Soviet bodies were "too timid" in promoting women to top posts.

Stalin's policy—formulating Politburo, or "inner Cabinet," bore the label "for men only." And today, of more than 50 Government ministers in Soviet Russia, only two or three are women.

The Eleven

The list includes all 31 members of the existing "Presidium," Russia's top ruling group. The 11 include Mr Khrushchev, Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, the Prime Minister, Mr Vyacheslav Molotov, Foreign Minister, and ex-Premier Mr Georgi Malenkov.

The 11 are those whose portraits are hung in the streets on Soviet high days and holidays. Of the three women who seem possible candidates for the highest honours: The best known is Mrs Furtseva, First Secretary of the Moscow City Party organization—a post at one time held by Khrushchev.

She is reported to be a protégé of Khrushchev, and was one of the first speakers when the Congress began debating the Khrushchev report today. — Reuter.

It's The Gift Of The Gab
As A Sheehan Would Say

Cheltenham, Feb. 15. Kevin Sheehan, 33-year-old ex-Irish guardsman from Limerick, has regained the world talking marathon by completing a non-stop word-spinning session of 133 hours 45 minutes.

Checked on by a packed audience at a local hall, he beat by a quarter of an hour the 132-hour record put up by a Russian contender who had bettered Sheehan's own previous record of 127-hour non-stop talking.

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Shots Fired,
Fists Fly
In Assembly
Scuffle

Paris, Feb. 15. Shots were fired during a rough and tumble in the French Assembly today. Communist and right-wing Poujadist members traded blows and threw stools at each other during the fight.

The chaotic scene was punctuated by three shots from the public gallery, fired from a blank-cartridge pistol of the type used for starting races.

MP APOLOGISES

Vincent, injured in a scuffle with an African student sitting behind him in the public gallery, was brought to a police station for questioning.

In the meantime, Poujadist MP, M. Jean Damasio, already censured by the Assembly yesterday for filibustering after he was ordered to leave the rostrum by Socialist Speaker, M. Andre Le Troquer, expressed his "regrets" to the Assembly for starting today's incidents.

Vincent shouted "Vive Poujadisme" (vive Poujadism) (a noted French anarchist around the turn of the century), as he fired. He was seized by a 20-year-old Negro student, M. Kaba, from Kankan in French West Africa, who tried to wrest the gun from him.

PUSHED COMMUNIST

The Poujadists said the Communist motion could not be voted upon since they claimed, the Assembly, after a long procedural wrangle, had in effect validated the Poujadist deputy.

When M. Le Troquer called for the vote, a Poujadist, M. Damasio moved the rostrum to push the Communist deputy M. Jean Manceau away from the ballot box which he was supervising as an Assembly secretary.

The two members came to blows and were promptly joined by other Communist and Poujadist deputies. Fists flew and stools hurled through the air, until Assembly officers managed to drag the scuffling away from the embattled rostrum area. — France-Press.

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Power Of US Essential In Future War



Many houses were flooded and thousands of people were left homeless in Upper Bavaria when the Danube overflowed recently. Picture shows rescue work by boats at Volshofen. —Express Photo.

Japanese Labour Spring Offensive Under Way

Tokyo, Feb. 15.

The first phase of a massive "spring offensive" ordered by Japan's largest organised labour group opened today but it was not expected to inconvenience the public.

Spearheading the first wave were government and public workers unions, claiming a total membership of 2,300,000.

The spring offensive, which was expected to pick up tempo next month and reach its peak when the government's budget Bill for fiscal 1956 comes up for full-scale debate, was called by the Leftist and anti-American General Council of Japan Trade Unions (Sohyo), the nation's largest organised labour body. Sohyo claims a membership of 3,000,000.

The initial phase of the labour offensive was expected to be confined to workshop demonstrations, rallies, refusal of overtime work. It was not expected to affect the public, however.

Sohyo has called the offensive to push wage increase demands. The 370,000-member National Railway Workers Union yesterday sparked off the offensive ahead of other Sohyo-affiliated unions. Today railway workers held workshop rallies at several stations.

Similar warnings were issued to government and public enterprise workers. These warnings said "stern" measures would be taken against labour activities which violate the law. The Labour Ministry and the Government Workers Union are engaged in a battle of words. The Ministry demanded why government workers demonstrated in the Ministry building on Monday and who were the leaders of the rally. The union ignored the demand and retaliated with a

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FOR VALUE

London, Feb. 15.

Admiral Sir Michael Denny, who is shortly going to Washington to head the British Joint Services Mission, said in London today that it was essential to bring the power of America to bear in any future war. "If it is not, we are sunk," he declared.

Admiral Denny, until recently Commander-in-Chief, Home Fleet, was speaking at the Royal United Service Institute.

"We in NATO can control the next war provided we act as NATO," he said. "We shall damn well lose the next war if we don't act with NATO."

Convoy System

Admiral Denny made this comment when answering questions at the end of an address on the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

In answer to another question, who asked whether naval control of shipping would be based on the convoy system in a future war, Admiral Denny said NATO was firmly wedded to the convoy system and would seek to bring about the earliest possible moment.

"I do not feel this is something which has been neglected or something which will be neglected," he said.

From an examination of a future total war, two major tasks emerged: "One was to gain command of the air, and while that battle was going on the prevention of the enemy land forces from occupying the territories of the NATO nations."

Vital Need

A third task was to ensure control of the seas, so that convoys could cross the Atlantic and Mediterranean and deliver to NATO forces in Europe all they would require to conduct the struggle.

"Nothing so far invented, including stock piling, can do away with the vital need in Europe of the power of the United States," Admiral Denny said. That could not be achieved if we lost command of the seas, particularly of the Atlantic-France-Prussia.

Fame With A Pumpkin

Melbourne, Feb. 15.

The Royal Horticultural Society of Victoria has offered a trophy worth £15 sterling for the biggest pumpkin in Australia, with a chance for the gardener who produces it of fame across the world in the United States.

Entries will be judged by the American Consul-General, Mr. Gerald Warner, and the pumpkin will be flown to Los Angeles to compete against the best of the United States has to offer. —China Mail Special.

All To Learn English

Oslo, Feb. 15.

English is to be introduced as a compulsory subject in all Norwegian elementary schools, the Education Ministry announced. Some already teach it as a voluntary subject.

The Ministry announced that all children will now begin English lessons on their fifth year in school, because of the growing importance of the language to Norwegians. —China Mail Special.

URANIUM FIND IN LABRADOR

St John's, Newfoundland, Feb. 15.

Mr. J. R. Smallwood, Premier of Newfoundland, today announced the discovery of uranium in Labrador.

Two companies, the British Newfoundland Corporation and Producers Limited, a Toronto firm, had made the discovery, he told a press conference here. —Router.

Test Pilot's Body Found

Alameda, Calif., Feb. 15.

The body of Commander John Hobart, one of the United States Navy's leading test pilots, was found today among the debris of his jet plane at an isolated spot in Nevada state.

Commander Hobart had disappeared on Monday last during firing exercises. —France-Press.

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MAJOR BATTLE IN ALGERIA

French Forces Claim 42 Rebels Killed

Algiers, Feb. 15.

French forces, fighting a major battle in the Nememcha mountains of Eastern Algeria, have killed 42 rebels and wounded many more, officials reported here tonight.

French forces suffered eight dead and 20 wounded in the day-long fray in the Taberja region between Khenchela and Nememcha. That location would place the large-scale battle about 96 miles south of Constantine. Khenchela is a town of more than 10,000 inhabitants.

BALMAIN MODELS PUBLISHED

Fashion House Protests

Paris, Feb. 15.

M. Paul Racine, Secretary-General at Pierre Balmain's fashion house, today made public a statement in which he said that Balmain's firm had protested today by telegram to the London Daily Express against the publication of four photographs of models from Balmain's spring collection.

"Balmain has never," M. Racine, "given permission, orally or in writing, to publish any model whatever before the date agreed on by the Trade Chamber (Chambre Syndicale) of Paris Dress Designers (February 29, 1956).

Implication

"The whole article implies," M. Racine continued in his statement, "that Balmain had thought fit to violate, for his own profit, the strict undertakings he has agreed to with the Trade Chamber regarding publication dates for photographs of his models, which is completely contrary to the truth.

"We have always been very strict in respecting all agreements made with the Trade Chamber."—France-Press.

The new French Minister Resident in Algeria, M. Robert Lacoste, paid a visit to the relatively quiet city of Constantine today and then flew to a site near the fighting this afternoon to discuss the battle with the participants.

Troops Ambushed

They told him an estimated 150 rebels had touched off the fight, setting an ambush for French forces. The rebels fought guerrilla style, they said, using rocks and ground for cover. M. Lacoste returned to Algiers tonight.

Elsewhere in Algeria, rebels ambushed a French military force near Douar Tametssalt in the Tarnine region, unofficial sources said, killing six soldiers and wounding five.

Tarnine is a colonial centre with about 4,000 inhabitants and is located about 110 kilometres southeast of Oran.

Meanwhile, northeast of Berkanne and near the Algerian frontier six rebels were killed and two taken prisoner. One of the security force men was killed and six were wounded.—United Press.

ALLEGED SHOOTING IN CYPRUS

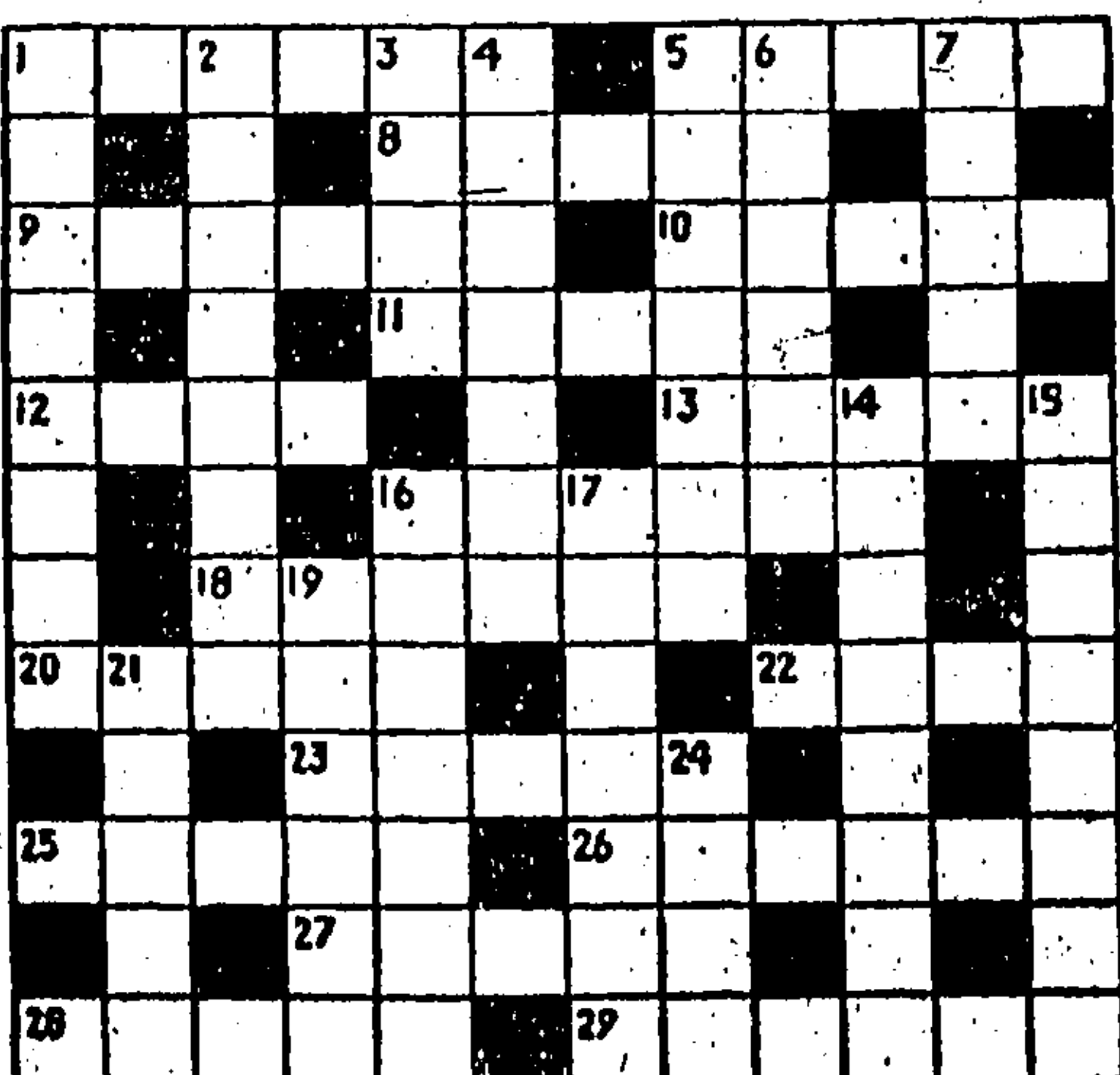
Nicosia, Feb. 15.

Cypriot workers today sent a telegram to General Sir John Harding, Governor of Cyprus, protesting against the alleged shooting of a Cypriot worker by a British soldier in a military camp near Nicosia.

The workers said they were going to stage a 24-hour strike to protest against the incident.

An official statement admitted that there had been a shooting incident in a camp near Nicosia, but that no one had been injured and that a full investigation was being conducted.—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Gullet (6).
- 5 Ventured (5).
- 8 Metal fastener (5).
- 9 Slay (6).
- 10 Page (5).
- 11 Once more (5).
- 12 Exclamation of woe (4).
- 13 Stop (5).
- 16 Negligent (6).
- 18 Collection of crockery (6).
- 20 Of the nose (5).
- 22 Military head-dress (4).
- 23 Fall in trade (5).
- 25 "Civvies" (5).
- 26 U.S. territory (6).
- 27 It means "uncanny" (5).
- 28 —and so does this (5).
- 29 Move slowly (5).

DOWN

- 1 Menace (8).
- 2 Oddments (8).
- 3 Song (4).
- 4 Trickles (7).
- 6 Amount short (7).
- 8 Makes, reconnection (6).
- 7 Sends out (5).
- 14 Rated (8).
- 15 Approximate judgment (8).
- 16 Tickered (7).
- 17 Fabulous female (7).
- 19 Church festival (6).
- 21 Blue (5).
- 24 Entreaty (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Commé, 4 Ashute, 8 Mentor, 10 Faint, 12 Reclut, 14 Trousse, 17 Tern, 19 Avoided, 20 Neptune, 22 Afar, 23 Tressle, 27 Musee, 29 Rupe, 30 Trade, 31 Warble, 32 Elect, Down: 1 Commé, 2 Mango, 3 Adorn, 5 Safe, 6 United, 7 Extend, 9 Rocanet, 11 Antics, 13 Lovest, 15 Reef, 16 Untrue, 18 Real, 20 Marrow, 21 Pampers, 24 Elise, 25 Trace, 26 Elect, 29 Sail.



Negro Rights A Hot Political Issue In America

Washington, Feb. 15.

The hot political issue of Negro rights cracked today like a Chinese New Year. Mr Adlai Stevenson, Democratic Presidential candidate, denied he was "running away" from the segregation issue as charged by AFL-CIO president George Meany.

"What I have said is that I would oppose the use of force" to bring about racial integration, Mr Stevenson stated at Seattle.

Mr Meany at Miami repeated his criticism of Mr Stevenson, and said it goes for President Eisenhower too. He said Mr Eisenhower should take a firm stand on the proposed Powell amendment that would bar Federal aid to segregated schools.

Use Of Troops

Sen. Estes Kefauver, in his bid for the Democratic Presidential nomination, said he favours the use of Federal troops to quell disturbances resulting from segregation.

Other political developments:

★ 1. Mr Eisenhower left for Thomasville, Georgia, apparently to make his final decision on whether to run for a second term. Backers of the Senate Republican leader, Mr Williams F. Knowland, planned to file his name in the Minnesota Presidential primary. But they said they would withdraw Knowland if the President decides before February 25 to run.

★ 2. Non-partisan Mayor Albert E. Cobb of Democratic Detroit, turned down a Republican invitation to try to unseat Democratic Gov. G. Mennen Williams of Michigan. Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield and other Republican leaders protested the invitation.

★ 3. Assistant Secretary of State Thurston Morton submitted his resignation to run for the Republican Senatorial nomination in Kentucky. Morton would face Democratic Sen.

Ammunition Cleared For Israel

Ottawa, Feb. 15.

The way has been cleared for a \$30,000 shipment of 25-pounder ammunition to Israel, official sources said today.

It was the order held up last month when this country imposed a ban on military shipments.

Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent, after a lengthy airing of the government's arms shipments policy in Parliament, announced on February 7 that the embargo had been lifted.

It was expected that the remaining 12 of 15 Harvard training planes ordered by Egypt would also soon be shipped from a private Montreal company.

Three were shipped before the Opposition in the Commons raised objections to government policy and the ban slipped on until the debate was ended.—United Press.

Commandos Ski Patrol

A British Commando ski patrol operating in the mountain zone in the southwest of Cyprus are pictured searching for a Cypriot for weapons. Onset of winter has forced the Commandos to take to skis so that they can move over the snow-covered valleys and mountains with less difficulty. The winter is a fierce one—already two British soldiers have frozen to death in the mountains.—Express Photo.

LANDING RIGHTS DISPUTE

Colombo, Feb. 15.

A conflict between Ceylon and India over landing rights for Air Ceylon International service was partially settled today.

India withdrew its refusal to allow an inaugural return flight to land in Bombay.

Permission was given after Air Ceylon authorities contacted Indian civil aviation authorities by telephone.

As for regular weekly flights, which are to be started on February 21, India has given no assurance that planes will be allowed to land in Bombay. The Indian government asked that a Ceylonese official go to India to discuss the matter.

Indian authorities said they were not satisfied that ownership and effective control of the new service was in Ceylonese hands.

Ceylon is understood to hold 51 per cent of the stock in the new combine, in which the Dutch airline KLM also is a partner.—United Press.

Vienna, Feb. 15. The Finnish government has invited Herr Julius Raab, the Austrian Chancellor, and Dr Adolf Scherz, the Vice-Chancellor, for a state visit, it was officially announced here today.—Reuter.

Waiting To See His Queen



A member of the Chinese Communist Party, who was seen here as a mark of the high place enjoyed by the Chinese Communist Party in the international Communist hierarchy. The Chinese Vice-President was warmly applauded by the Soviet Party delegates when he emphasized Soviet-Chinese friendship.—France-Press.

Allowances For French Polygamists?

Paris, Feb. 15.

Will French subjects in France's overseas territories who are polygamists be entitled to family allowances for all the children of all their wives and concubines?

This question was put to the government today by Independent Deputy Henri Dorgères. In a written request submitted to the French National Assembly, M. Dorgères asked the Ministry for France overseas, for an explanation on how it was intended to apply projected measures for extending family allowances to territories of the French Union. It is intended to place a limit on the number of children for whom allowances will be granted, he asked.

In Metropolitan France, there is no limit on the number of children for whom a couple receives allowances. The rule of the allowance goes up progressively, a family of one child receiving about US\$10 a month, a family with two children about \$34 and a family with three children \$60. There is a fixed rate for every child above the third.—France-Press.

UK Willing To Negotiate With Saudis

London, Feb. 15.

Britain shares the desire of Saudi Arabia to restore the friendly relations between the two countries existing during the last time of the late King Ibn Saud, the Foreign Office stated tonight.

The Foreign Office said the dispute over the Buraiki Oasis should not be an obstacle to the improvement of relations. Britain was ready to negotiate of certain minor rectifications of the frontier between Saudi Arabia and the territories of the Sultan of Muscat and the Sheik of Abu Dhabi.

The Foreign Office issued its statement in reply to a communiqué published by the Saudi Arabian Embassy in London.—France-Press.

Ambassadors Received In Syria

Damascus, Feb. 15.

The United States Ambassador, Mr James Moose, and the British Ambassador, Sir John Gurney, were received successively today by the Syrian Premier, Said Ghazal.

An informed source said that both ambassadors informed Said Ghazal that they remained attached to the United Nations Security Council resolutions voted in 1953 and January, 1955.

The first resolution instructed Israel to cease works aimed at diverting the waters of the Jordan River, while the second announced that sanctions would be taken against Israel if that country made new attacks against Syria.—France-Press.

Chu Teh Applauded

Moscow, Feb. 15.

China's Vice-President, Chu Teh, today became the first foreign delegate to address the 20th Congress of the Soviet Communist Party here.

Chu Teh's appearance on the speaker's platform on the second day of the congress was seen here as a mark of the high place enjoyed by the Chinese Communist Party in the international Communist hierarchy.

The Chinese Vice-President was warmly applauded by the Soviet Party delegates when he emphasized Soviet-Chinese friendship.—France-Press.

Bishop Dies

Gibraltar, Feb. 15.

Monsignor Richard Fitzgerald, Roman Catholic Bishop of Gibraltar, died here today.

The 78-year-old Bishop was reported to have died peacefully. He received the last sacrament and the apostolic benediction in hospital yesterday.—Reuter.

THE QUEEN SAYS FAREWELL TO NIGERIANS

Lagos, Feb. 15.

Queen Elizabeth bade farewell to the people of Nigeria in a broadcast tonight.

She said: "The time has come when I must say goodbye. For nearly three weeks my husband and I have travelled through your country and seen something of the immense variety, scenery, people and customs, which is Nigeria.

"Everywhere we received a most warmhearted welcome, which has given us very great pleasure. We shall always remember with thanks your kindness and your hospitality. "The people of Nigeria have welcomed me with one voice, and I hope that this may help you feel a greater unity among yourselves.

Meant Great Deal

"I realise this visit meant a great deal of extra work for many people and I want to express my appreciation to all those who took a part in making the arrangements.

"Public servants, voluntary organisations, the army, police, railway and always corporations all have my personal thanks for their untiring efforts and for the thoughtfulness and consideration with which they have gone about their duties. "No one visiting Nigeria in these stirring times can fail to note the enthusiastic activity of all sections of the community.

"This universal demand for development is most impressive. At every period a great change anywhere in the world has always been attended by difficulties, sometimes by turbulence, but I hope the partnership of Nigerians and the British here will ensure many years of smooth progress.

Maintain Standards

"Material progress by itself is not enough. It is just as important that the conduct of our every day life in business, industry, public service and in government should come even closer to ideals of honesty, integrity and justice. Unless we maintain such standards the benefits of science and technology cannot be enjoyed.

"And now I want to say a special word to members of my overseas civil service who are serving Nigeria. I know in these changing times some of you are facing special problems and anxieties. But you still have a vital part to play in the development of this great country.

"I greatly admire the work you are doing and the courage and unselfish devotion you bring to it. In serving my peoples in Nigeria you are truly serving me, and I shall take a close interest in your future welfare. "On the eve of our departure I would like to leave to all Nigerians a reminder of this visit, which has been a great experience to us and, I believe also, to you.

Pay My Tribute

"I have, therefore, decided from now on the Nigeria Regiment to be called the Queen's Own Nigeria Regiment. "In this way I can also pay my tribute to the gallantry and loyalty of the people of the whole Federation who served my Crown and their country so faithfully in peace and in war. "I pray that for you and for your children the future may hold peace, progress and prosperity."—Reuter.

Thief Disappointed With Swag

Paris, Feb. 15.

Louis Francois Touchagues, a 62-year-old artist known for his nude studies, has sent Paris police a sketch of a pretty auto-graph hunter who walked out of his studio with his wallet.

M. Touchagues was busy with a client when the young brunette arrived. He sent her into another room to wait, and she disappeared.

She phoned the artist later to say she had taken the wallet and was disappointed with its contents—20,000 francs (£20 sterling).—China Mail Special.

State Of Siege Ends In Brazil

Rio de Janeiro, Feb. 15.

Full constitutional guarantees were restored in Brazil today as a state of siege or modified martial law in effect since November 15 came to an end. The lifting of the state of siege, one minute after midnight, coincided with the end of a three-day riotous carnival in which police reported 33 died in Rio de Janeiro and 10 in Sao Paulo.—United Press.

Segregation Illegal, Says Court

New Orleans, Feb. 15.

A Federal Court in New Orleans today declared that the racial segregation laws passed by the Louisiana State Legislature in 1954 were unconstitutional.

A second Federal Court ordered the New Orleans City Council to proceed with the desegregation of city schools. Both these judgments were a result of cases brought by lawyers representing the "National Association for the Advancement of Coloured Peoples."—France-Press.

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COLOUR AGAIN SPLITS
THE UNITED STATES

Washington, Tuesday
THE bitter truth is that the coloured man, woman, and child are in a worse position now than before the famous Supreme Court ruling against racial segregation in schools.

Remember, I am writing from a Southern town. Washington may be the capital of the nation (some say of the world) but it is still essentially a Southern town with many of the barriers and prejudices which block black from white.

In the past day or two I have heard more about "the colour question" here than I have about the results of the Eisenhower conferences. Of Washington's 1,000,000 people, 27 percent are coloured.

Harangued

THE Negro behind the drug-store counter harangued me: "Did you know, son, that President Eisenhower's own grandchildren go to private segregated schools in Alexandria, Virginia?"

"What's the use of a President telling the Supreme Court to lay down the law when he himself doesn't abide by it?"

I pointed out that the President had not instructed, and could not instruct, the Supreme Court on its rulings, and that the judges themselves had handed down their own decision.

In Washington itself segregation in the schools is sagging, and in many classrooms it has ended. There is no "Jim Crow" rule in the capital's buses and trams, but the colour line is drawn strongly in most hotels, cocktail lounges and restaurants.

Dark-skinned visitors from Ethiopia and elsewhere are welcomed by hotels in the capital which say "Sorry we are full up" to native-born coloured Americans.

But the South as a whole is in revolt against the Supreme Court. Just a short drive from here, in Richmond, Virginia, the State Senate has been meeting. After brief debate and violent speeches, the Virginia General Assembly issued an official statement branding the Supreme Court's decision against school segregation as "unlawful encroachment" upon State's rights.

The State Senate approved the official policy against the Supreme Court's ruling by 30 votes to two and the House approved it by 88 to five. These figures show how strong is the feeling in the South against coloured and white children sitting in the same classroom.

In the Deep South — Georgia, Mississippi, Alabama — whites, almost to a man, are utterly opposed to the Supreme Court's decision and are even talking wild words such as "secession". Of course, for any Southern State to secede is out of the question. It could not happen.

What can happen, and what is happening, is "interposition," an old and sinister word which is inflaming white against coloured and coloured against white.

More violence

INTERPOSITION means in the South that each State has the right to interpose its sovereignty against encroachment by the Federal Government.

If the battle were limited to words it would not be so bad, but during the 18 months since the Supreme Court's decision there has been more violence in the South than during the previous five years. The wolf-whistle murder caught the headlines, but there have been other murders dismissed in paragraphs.

Scores of mass meetings are being held with angry whites denouncing the Supreme Court and brandishing placards: "Down with Traitors. No Compromise. God the Original Segregationist."

The South is in revolt and Washington knows it.

Washington has changed considerably since I was last here about a year ago. There is still only one theatre — the National — apart from the sleazy burlesque houses which feature strip-teasers a mile or so from the impressive Government buildings.

The capital is gradually becoming a commercial city not preoccupied entirely with the business of Government. Everett Boothby, president of Washington Gas Light, says: "We are out to make the city a commercial centre, and we are getting results."

'Vassals'

WHEN Eisenhower first took office his administration fired 20,000 workers in an economy move, and business dived. The only revenue came from the tourist and convention industry — about \$235,000,000 a year. This just wasn't enough, and the Board of Trade and the Chamber of Commerce went out to look for business. They are succeeding.

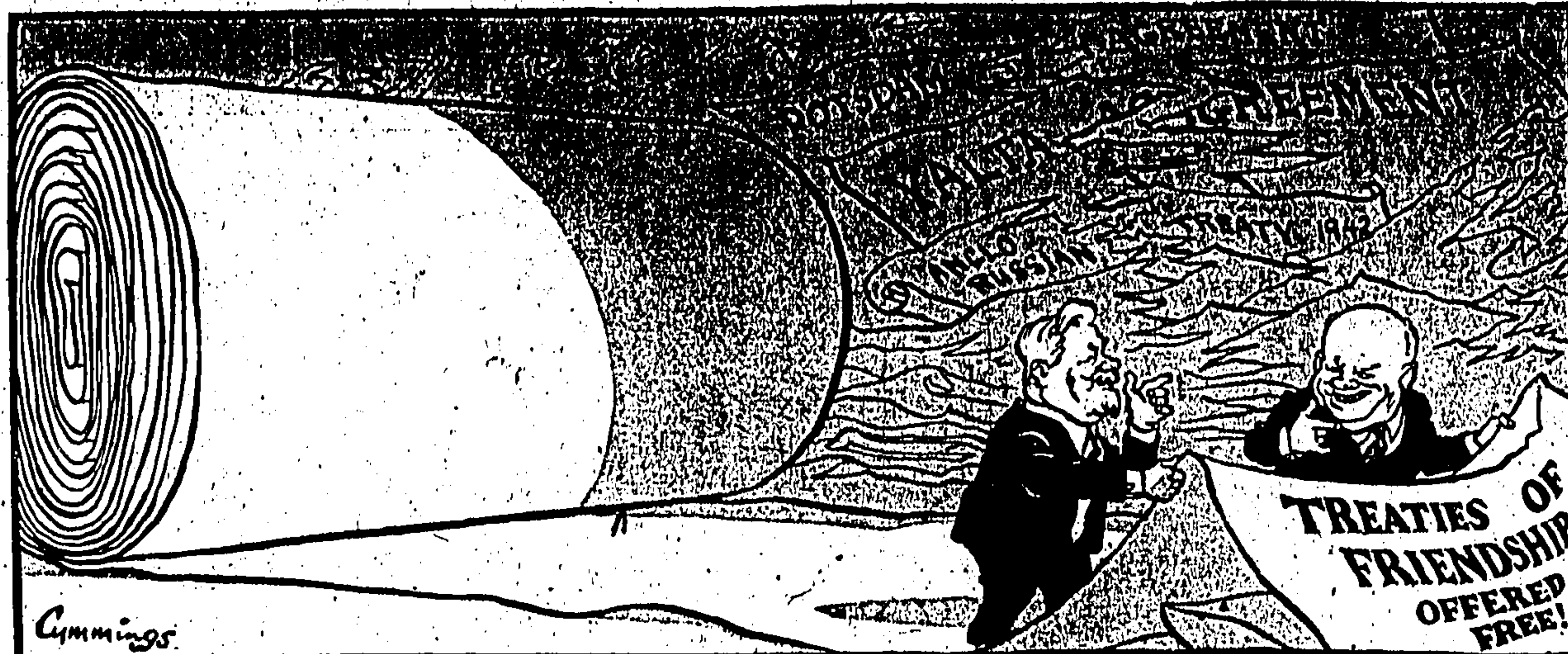
Retail trade volume is now more than \$1,500,000,000 a year. Today the city is a big bargain basement.

The prices of refrigerators, washing machines and television sets have been slashed, in some instances in half.

Motor car dealers have just completed a five-day convention here demanding a better deal from manufacturers and calling upon the Government to guarantee them a fair contract. The dealers jammed the already overcrowded city and said they had been reduced to "vassals and serfs" by the Detroit car men, who treated them with "amused contempt."

Washington said it would do something to help. Washington is used to the SOS.

After all — it's been helping the rest of the world for the past decade.



"What luck there's no paper shortage in the Soviet Union!"

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WHY I PITY GAITSKELL

In 50 years I've known all six Socialist leaders—and No. 6 has the toughest job!

By TREVOR EVANS



Mr Gaitskell

over the mountain from Aberdare to Merthyr.

People seem to have thought little in those days of walking around 15 to 18 miles to hear and see a great political figure. They walked in droves, and no doubt I was carried much of the way.

Not that enthusiastic devotion brought them all that way. On the contrary, my grandfather and most of his neighbours were Radicals. They went in

I have never responded to the idea of Hardie as "the man in the cloth cap." He was more like Moses to me, though when I repeated this my teacher, a Liberal, retorted: "You mean Jeremiah!"

THE STARE

MR Arthur Henderson came next. Ponderous, levithan in his probity, and now revered in the Socialist history for his Foreign Secretaryship, though secretly criticised in his lifetime for his too-strong grip on the party machine.

Always secretly, never openly. "Uncle Arthur" could produce a basilisk-like stare which froze the lips of the most impetuous.

Yet my most vivid memory of him I cannot explain. We were a bunch of young fellows standing outside Socialist Party conference hall. We were all smoking cigarettes. Willie Henderson — Arthur's son — whipped his cigarette so violently from his lips and hid it behind his back that the rest of us did likewise instinctively. Then Mr Henderson walked by, acknowledging our respectful greetings with amiable dignity. I must remember to ask Lord Henderson why we did that.

THE LIPS

NEXT came Ramsay MacDonald. They record his name in the Socialist history now merely to preserve continuity. But what a verbal mesmerist he could be. True, his perorations were about as inspiring next morning as a heaped-up ashtray after a party, but what a tingle they

evoked as they cascaded from his mobile lips. The mark of MacDonald has lain on the party ever since he walked out of it, with Snowden and Jim Thomas, 25 years ago. But not in the way he intended.

For a quarter of a century MacDonald's defection has been remembered and despised. There have been no mass walkouts since — yet! Most lovable of leaders was George Lansbury. He led for only three years, but even his critics found it hard to stifle their affection for the old man. He was every gentle and courteous.

He represented the emotions of the party... but they are no flowers to bloom in the icy blasts of responsibility.

THE CROSS

CLEMENT Attlee, on the other hand, was very much in his time, which is why he remained leader for 20 years. What an artist in coachmanship. He proved that a sensitive pair of hands can be more important than a silver voice.

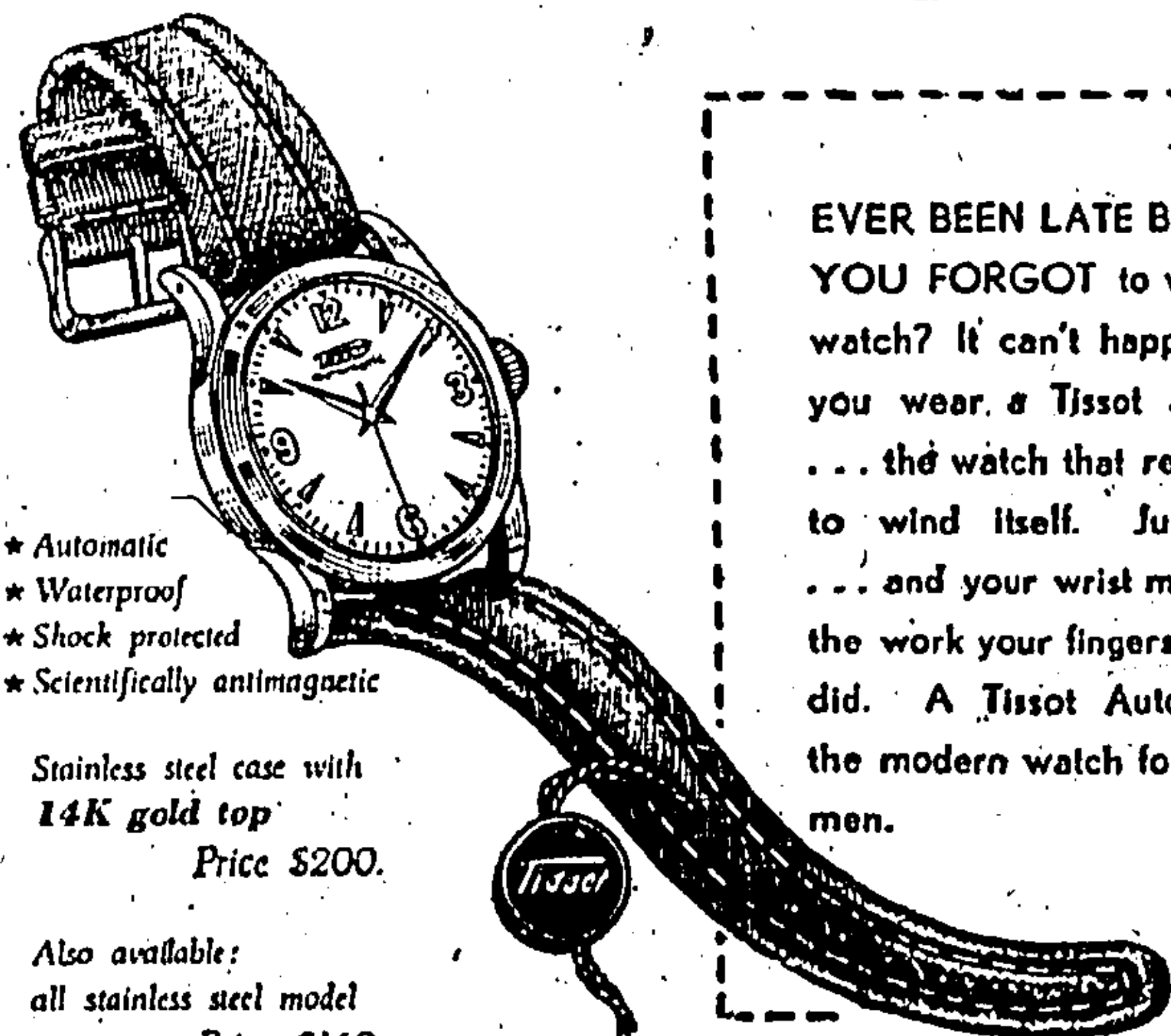
And now Mr Gaitskell. He has a tougher task than his predecessors. The earliest leaders thrived on hope and the aspirations of a downtrodden working class. The middle leaders welcomed the influx of intellectuals and middle-class types, but heeded the greater power of trade union leaders, stronger than any functioning today.

It is natural that a party should want to celebrate 50 years of its existence. There are lessons to be brought out. One obvious lesson is that when you pick a leader he is there to be backed and not tripped up and snipped at by his own followers, however excited.

POCKET CARTOON
By OSBERT LANCASTER

"Here's the paper if you want it, darling, but I warn you, as far as news is concerned you'll do just as well with the Old Testament!"

Quality
need not be expensive



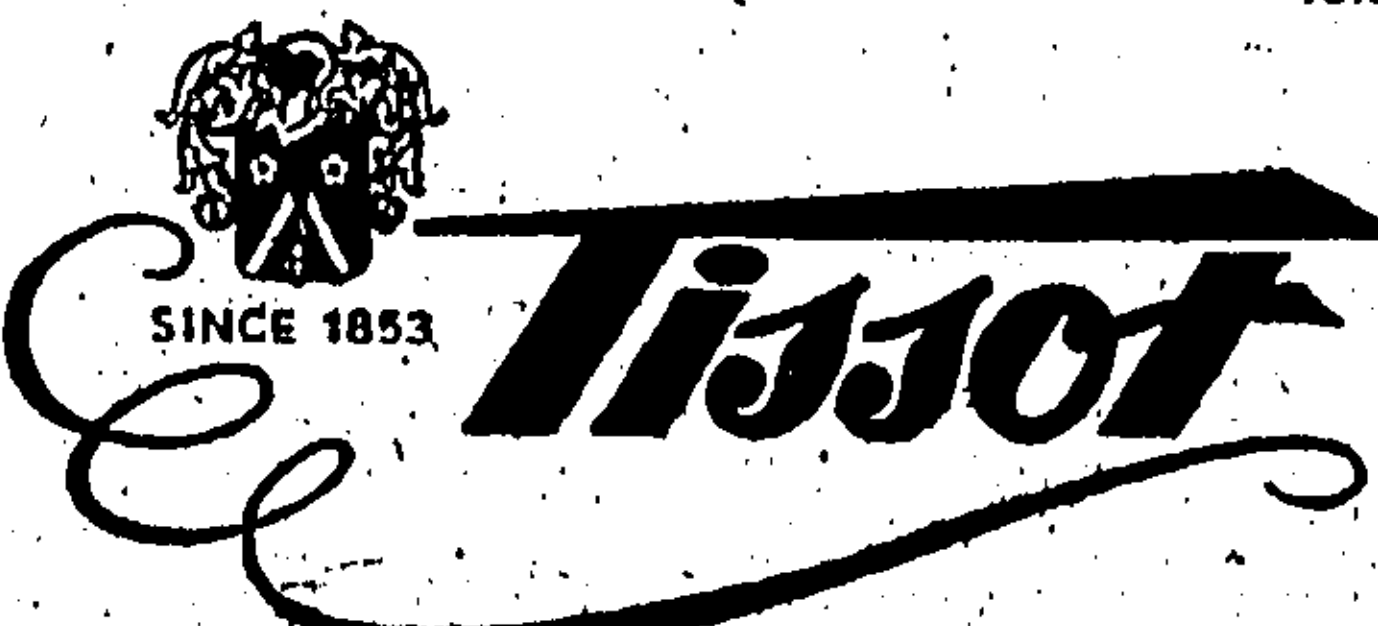
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HOW DIFFERENT...

DURING its 50 years the Socialist Party has had six leaders. I have seen them all in action. How different they all were from each other. There is no set mould for Socialist leadership.

Curiously enough, the nearest to each other are the two living ones — the fifth and sixth, Earl Attlee and Mr Gaitskell. But, there, how different Socialism is from what the planners preached.

I was terrified by Keir Hardie, but I do not blame him for that. I was small enough and light enough then to be perched on my grandfather's shoulder. And I was tired. We had walked

EXIT THE BRITISH—AND THE RED FLAG FLIES OVER MALABAR

By PAULINE WALTON

Bombay Tellicherry Club were present when I arrived. All two of them. Once the club was the centre of all social life in this sleepy little town on the Malabar coast.

British tea and coffee planters, civil servants, Army officers and their wives — everyone knew the club that stood on top of a hill overlooking a private, palm-fringed beach.

When the great British exodus from India came in 1947, the Club was too big. The remaining members moved to a smaller house nearby. Subscriptions dwindled, but profits at the bar kept the club alive. Then Madras State introduced prohibition, and the club's income suffered.

Now Tellicherry's last two European residents (representing a Swiss firm) are the only local members. Yet still, from remote country villages in Britain come the annual subscriptions

(about 7s. 6d.) from men who left India as long ago as 1925.

Occasionally an old member calls nostalgically at the Club. On the walls he finds a frieze of pictures from the old clubhouse, showing members of the early thirties. Here are beach-pyjamaed lovelies and red-faced planters. In their day they had the bench to themselves.

FISHING VILLAGE

Now any visitors must choose between walking in bathing suits through the fishermen's huts, followed by "disapproving looks, or changing behind the rocks, watched by amused children in the school that has taken the place of the old clubhouse.

Long before the British came to Malabar, this was a fishing village. Today,

as for hundreds of years the fishermen still wear their distinctive, enormously wide straw hats. They hate being photographed for fear of the evil eye.

Near Tellicherry are big coffee estates, prospering now that India's consumption of coffee has gone up. Once one of the principal exporters, India now consumes 90 percent of all the coffee she grows. Churning up the red dust along the roads, through the jungle come great lorries bearing the sacks of coffee beans. At the factory in Tellicherry the beans are sorted by sturdy, bare-breasted women workers.

This is a rich area. As well as coffee and tea, there are bananas, pepper, rice, bamboo, coconuts, "cashew nuts," and goat, teak, forests. Not surprising then that the Red Flag has come to Malabar.

Communism has taken a hold on the people. In the United villages of rough huts of mud

and dung, the hammer and sickle has been painted on the walls, with a fading of Malayalam, the local language, urging the voters to turn out Congress.

When darkness falls and work is over, the Red Flag is hoisted and the men gather round, some of the speakers travelling hundreds of miles.

In the various factories, once under British management, Communist agents are busy. At the cashew nut works in Tellicherry, still European owned but Indian managed, they have, little success, for most of the 800 employees are women, not much interested in politics as long as they have regular employment.

IMPENDING CHANGE

Everywhere in this thickly populated jungle, however, there is a feeling of great impending change. Little seems to be left of the once-powerful British influence. At night jackals howl in the compounds of the spacious bungalows that were once well-guarded for their English masters. Some have been taken over by their Indian successors. Others are deserted, except for vultures and snakes, while white ants slowly devour the timbers.



JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Encouragement Needed For Bid

By OSWALD JACOBY

"PLEASE discuss the bidding of the accompanying hand," requests a Camden, N.J., player. "South made 12 tricks with the greatest of ease, but he hadn't even reached a game."

"Some of us thought that South should have made another bid since his cue-bid of three spades was forcing to game. Others thought that North should have made a more encouraging bid than four clubs in response to this cue-bid."

"Which player was at fault? Also, how should the hand be bid?"

Since South did not open with a two-bid, it is almost impossible for him to make a bid that is absolutely forcing to game. The cue-bid is theoretically forcing to game, but as a practical matter South must be aware of the possibility that North has a completely worthless hand with length only in clubs.

In a situation of this kind it is up to the responder to share the burden of the bidding. If the responder has a completely

NORTH 10	
♠ 10 9 6 5 4	
♥ 7	
♦ 10 9 4	
♣ A 10 7	
WEST EAST	
♠ A K 6 3 2	♥ Q J 7
♥ 9 4	♦ 10 8 6 5 3 2
♦ 8 7 5 2	♣ 10 9 8 7 6 5
♣ 9 3	♠ K 5 2
SOUTH (D)	
♠ None	♥ A K Q J
♥ A K Q J	♦ A K 3
♦ A K 3	♣ Q J 6 4
North-South vul.	
South West North East	
1 ♠ 1 ♠ 2 ♠ 2 ♠	
3 ♠ 3 ♠ 4 ♠ 4 ♠	
Pass Pass	
Opening lead—♠ K	

worthless hand, he should so indicate; but if he has a hand that is likely to prove valuable he should do something that is unmistakably encouraging rather than something that is ambiguous.

In the case under discussion, South cannot be blamed much for passing four clubs. North had the chance to say a cheerful word but failed to do so. Hence South showed only mild timidity in passing under game.

It's hard to say exactly what bid North should make in response to the cue-bid of three spades. The only sure thing is that North should make a jump bid of some kind. For example, North might jump to five clubs or five diamonds or might make some such "fancy" bid as four spades or five no-trump. Any of these bids would encourage South to bid a slam in clubs or diamonds. Either slam contract would, of course, be easily made.

CHARD SERGE

Q—The bidding has been:
South West North East
1 Diamond Pass 1 Heart Pass

You, South, hold:
♠ A 5 3 W ♠ A 10 6 2 ♠ A J 7 4

What do you do?

A—Bid two clubs. You can afford only this exploratory bid. If North rebids you will try for game.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:

♠ A 5 3 W ♠ A 10 6 2 ♠ A K J 7

What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

IF it is true that the bigger the television screen becomes the more radiation there is from the cathode tube, really go-ahead people will probably set up their screens on waste land and look at them through telescopes.

An electronic brain, with a Geiger counter attached to it, should be able to register the amount of radiation on a luminous dial. Now that we are all to be technicians, this sort of thing will be as easy as falling off a thermodynamic cocktail stool. As a promising technician said yesterday: "When it comes to building interplanetary rocket platforms, Greek plays are not much help."

Twenty years of upgrar
So quietly did he play that his plot was, at times, almost inaudible. (Music critic.)

It was probably a dummy, like the stone fiddle of Ballinasloe. It is rather fun to have a sort of ventriloquism in the hands of a dummy. The sound, cleverly manipulated, seems to come from the trombone, and a clash of cymbals is produced by the obol. This provides constant surprises for the bewildered audience, and through these who are secretly

reading scores into a state of distraction pitiful to behold.

Send in your application

A LARGE clockwork mouse which routed a cat at a party "reduced the guests to speechlessness." What did nobody murmur "Micey Versa?"

...Owing to an unprecedented number of applications, applicants, or those who imagine themselves to be applicants, will be dealt with in alphabetical order, beginning with N, and working backwards to A, and then returning with O and proceeding to Z. As this will take time, the results of the applications, apart from three or four arranged privately, will not be known until March 11.

Film news

WHEN Mr. Marlon Brando appears as Xerxes in "Harvest Moon," some of the poetry which he recites will be slightly edited, to make it more intelligible to modern audiences. Lines by Byron, Shelley, and Herrick will also be incorporated in some of the sonnets. With Mr. Edward G. Robinson as Byron will be Miss Marilyn Monroe as the Duchess of Milbank and Mr. Alan Ladd as Lord Chesterfield. Palmerston will be played by Mr. John Wayne.

YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

BORN today, you are likely to wear your heart on your sleeve. You are a loving, tender and compassionate with everyone you meet and will seem to have the welfare of the entire world at heart. Yet, you are not an overly serious soul. If you just sit and listen to everyone's tale of woe without doing anything, however, then you can often do more harm than good. Be positive, your audience will be daring, if you wish—and you will really be of great help to everyone.

You have the gift of the written word and are able to put forth a forceful argument for your ideas. You are a creature of moods and you must learn to control them, rather than permitting them to control you. The former can

strengthen your artistic and creative abilities—the latter merely ends in frustration.

The stars have given you more than average foresight and your intuitions are very often akin to prophetic sight. Be careful in how you utilize this gift, for it is a powerful force, given into your keeping, to use wisely.

Amongst these born this date are: Katherine Cornell, actress; Ernest Hemingway, biologist; Selma Frazer, composer; Henry Adams, historian; Henry Waterson, noted editor; George Bissell, sculptor; Cushing Eels, educator.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph.

Your birthday star is your daily guide.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Keep your nose to the grindstone, for although results may not yet be apparent, they will show up later on.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—The spirit of adventure may suggest all sorts of unwise actions today. Be sensible and resist temptation.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—This is another day when you need to eat a careful eye on the bank. Be sure not to overextend it.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 20)—You may have some in-law who are trying to run your household on a tight rein. It will blow over.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)—Sticking to the job may seem a dreary outlook this bright morning, but perseverance pays dividends.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—Social conservatism is probably the best policy this evening. Be sure to pay attention to protocol.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 23)—You may be yearning for a change of scene, but duty calls. Finish the job before you give in to pleasure.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—There may be a disillusionment in the realm of friendship. Clean up and seek wider horizons.

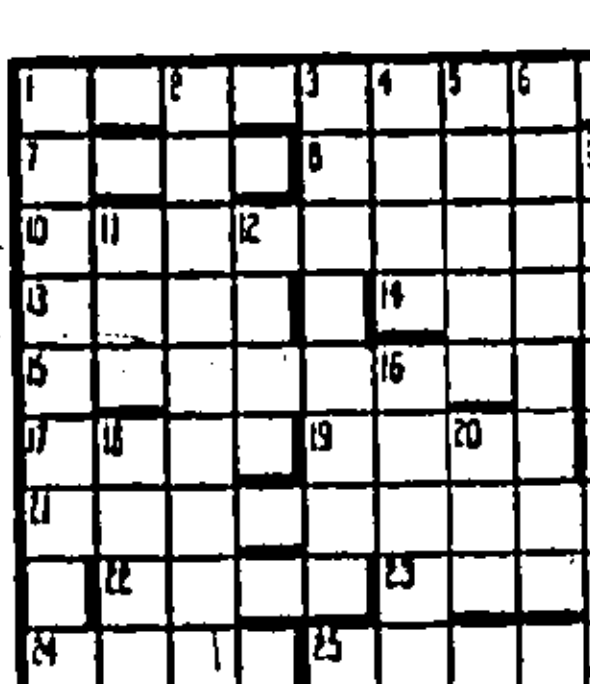
LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—If entertaining at home, make it

simple and avoid extravagance. It really smart to be thrifty.

SAGITTARIUS (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—The gift of creative imagination in a wonderful asset, provided you can turn it into something constructive.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—If there is active opposition to your plan of action, be patient and you will find that it evaporates.

CROSSWORD



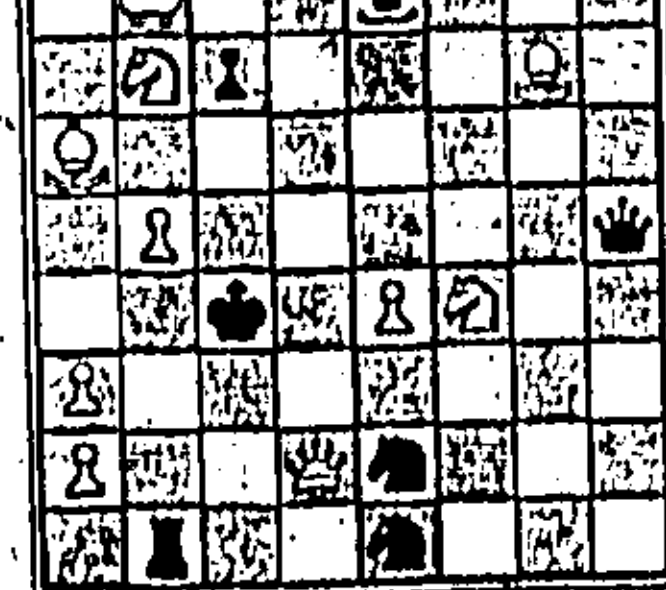
- Across
1. Dream Alma (10 letters).
 2. He promises solemnly. (6)
 3. The alchemist is followed by a... (10 letters)
 4. Sometimes described by 7.
 5. The ghostly lake? (4)
 6. Caribbean islands. (8)
 7. Lizards. (4)
 8. Deserted even by the Monogolians. (4)
 9. Does this speak upon a sea of troubles? (5, 4)
 10. Coogers, maybe. (4)
 11. Cain's victim. (4)
 12. Job. (4)
 13. ...completed like the puzzle. (6)
- Down
1. It's prime salmon. (6, 3)
 2. Beesches make good ones. (9)
 3. Crickets are fascinated by... (10 letters)
 4. The vein has metal in it. (4)
 5. This laugh is a bit of a sneer. (8)
 6. It was seen near many-towered Camelot. (3-0)
 7. Sound like a Paris. (3)
 8. Sound like a cat among the cabbies. (4)
 9. The... (4)
 10. ... (4)
 11. ... (4)
 12. ... (4)
 13. ... (4)
 14. ... (4)
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 19. ... (4)
 20. ... (4)

Today's solution 1. A 4-4 crossword. Across: 1. Salmon, 2. Beesches, 3. Crickets, 4. The vein, 5. This laugh, 6. Camelot, 7. Paris, 8. Cat, 9. The, 10. Sound, 11. The, 12. Sound, 13. The, 14. Sound, 15. The, 16. Sound, 17. The, 18. Sound, 19. The, 20. Sound. Down: 1. Prime, 2. Beesches, 3. Crickets, 4. The vein, 5. This laugh, 6. Camelot, 7. Paris, 8. Cat, 9. The, 10. Sound, 11. The, 12. Sound, 13. The, 14. Sound, 15. The, 16. Sound, 17. The, 18. Sound, 19. The, 20. Sound.

CHESS PROBLEM

By H. MUSANTE

Black, 7 pieces.



White, 10 pieces.
White to play: mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. B-K17, any; 2. Q, B, or K mates.

Sports Clothes Brighten The Winter Scene In Italy

By Gina Poposina

WHEREAS more sombre colours are favoured for normal day-time wear in Italy just now, winter sports wear is brighter than ever. Styles are plain and simple and the clothes rely on brilliant colours such as ruby red, azulea pink, orange, tangerine yellow and light blue.

Most women agree that tapered trousers are more flattering than the loose-legged type, but they do restrict movement and for this reason are not very suitable for skiing. However, the Italian designers have found the answer to this problem by using elastic wool gaberdine for tapered trousers.

Another good idea from Italy is that of matching trousers with a sweater of a slightly deeper shade of the same colour, and vice-versa. For instance, wear orange trousers with a tangerine sweater or peony pink trousers with a powder pink sweater.

Many of the Italian designers favour trousers in rich fabrics such as wool broadcades and printed wool jersey for after-ski wear. But after wearing trousers all day out of necessity for skiing, women would like to change into something more feminine for the evening. Ideal are ray felt skirts with boat-shaped neck jumpers or full-sleeved blouses of wool muslin.

HARTNELL MODELS WEAR BLUE NAIL VARNISH

STARTLING new shade of nail varnish—turquoise blue—turned up at a London dress show recently. Hartnell's models all had turquoise blue finger nails. "We made it ourselves," one of them told me, "by mixing blue theatrical powder with colourless nail varnish."

A colour strictly not for copying, though.

Biggest buyers of that sparkle paint for your hair in London are the TV make-up departments. They buy it by the gross. It can be combed through to give an all-over brightening, or streaked on, or brushed on to the tips of short curls. In silver, gold, or bronze, it comes with brush.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

IF you have a metal or silver teapot, used only for "best" it may become mouldy inside. You can prevent this by drying well and storing with a few lumps of sugar inside. Before you use it, rinse well with boiling water. Sugar lumps in the biscuit tin will also keep the biscuits crisp. Cleaning hint for pillows: If you decide to wash them yourself, you must take the feathers out. You can remove them the suction part of the vacuum cleaner, shake them in a muslin bag to clean them, then store in a covered bucket or bread-bin with lid, until the ticking is dried. If you send pillows to the laundry, make certain they empty them before washing. Otherwise the result will be lumpy.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Mary Jane's Questions

—Some Were The Kind You Couldn't Answer—

By MAX TRELL

MARY Jane, the Rag Doll, had never been to school. She couldn't read. She couldn't write. She had hardly ever been out of the Playroom. There were millions and millions of things she wanted to know about. For instance, Mary Jane didn't know anything about rubbers.

So she asked Knarf and Hanid, the shadows, to explain about rubbers. "Why do people wear them?" she asked.

"To keep their feet from getting wet," replied Hanid.

What Would Happen?

"What would happen if their feet got wet?" asked Mary Jane.

"They'd have to take off their shoes and stockings and get their feet dry, of course," said Knarf.

"And if they didn't take off their shoes and stockings and get their feet dry, what would happen then?" said Mary Jane.

Knarf said they'd get sick. They'd have to stay in bed.

Mary Jane, the Rag Doll, smiled. "So that's why people stay in bed, because they got to wear rubbers and their feet got wet."

Knarf and Hanid both frowned. Somehow that did not seem to be the reason why people stayed in bed. Or at any rate that wasn't the only reason.

Still, Mary Jane was right. If you didn't wear rubbers and your feet got wet and you didn't

take off your shoes and stockings when you got home and rubbed your feet dry again, you very often got the sniffles and had to stay in bed.

Another Question

Then Mary Jane thought of another question.

"Why do the streets get wet in the first place so that people have to wear rubbers to keep their feet dry?"

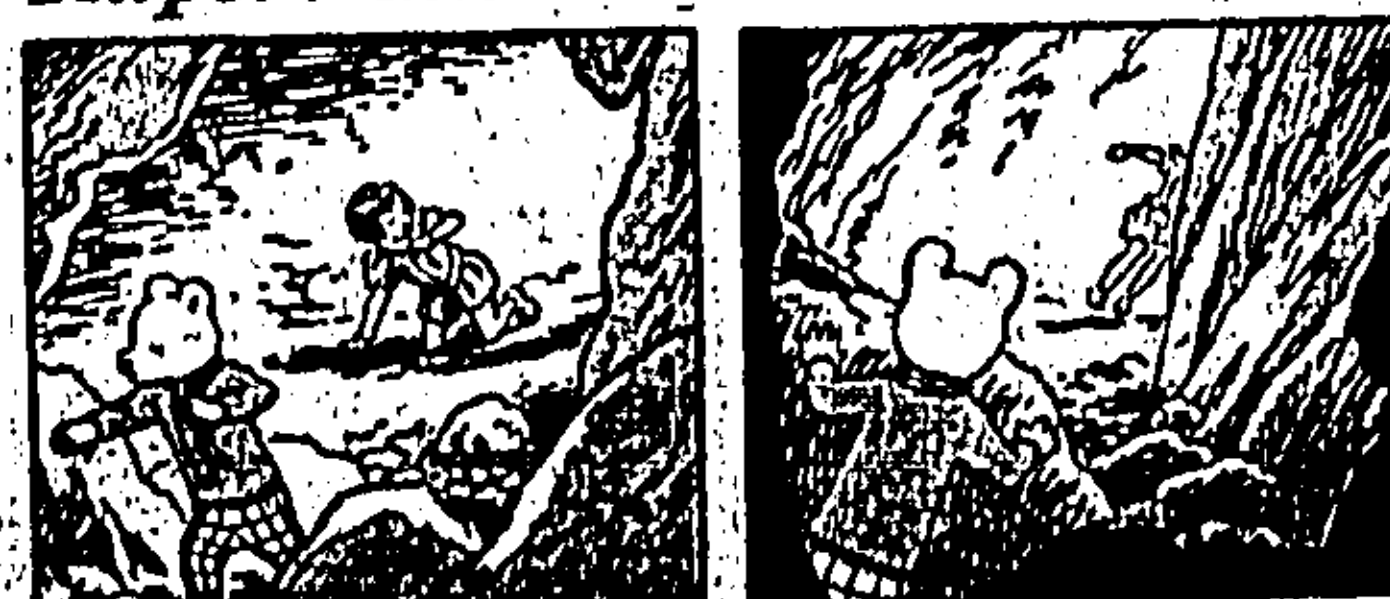
Hanid answered: "The streets get wet from rain."

Mary Jane didn't know very much about rain, either.

"Where does it come from?" she asked Knarf and Hanid.

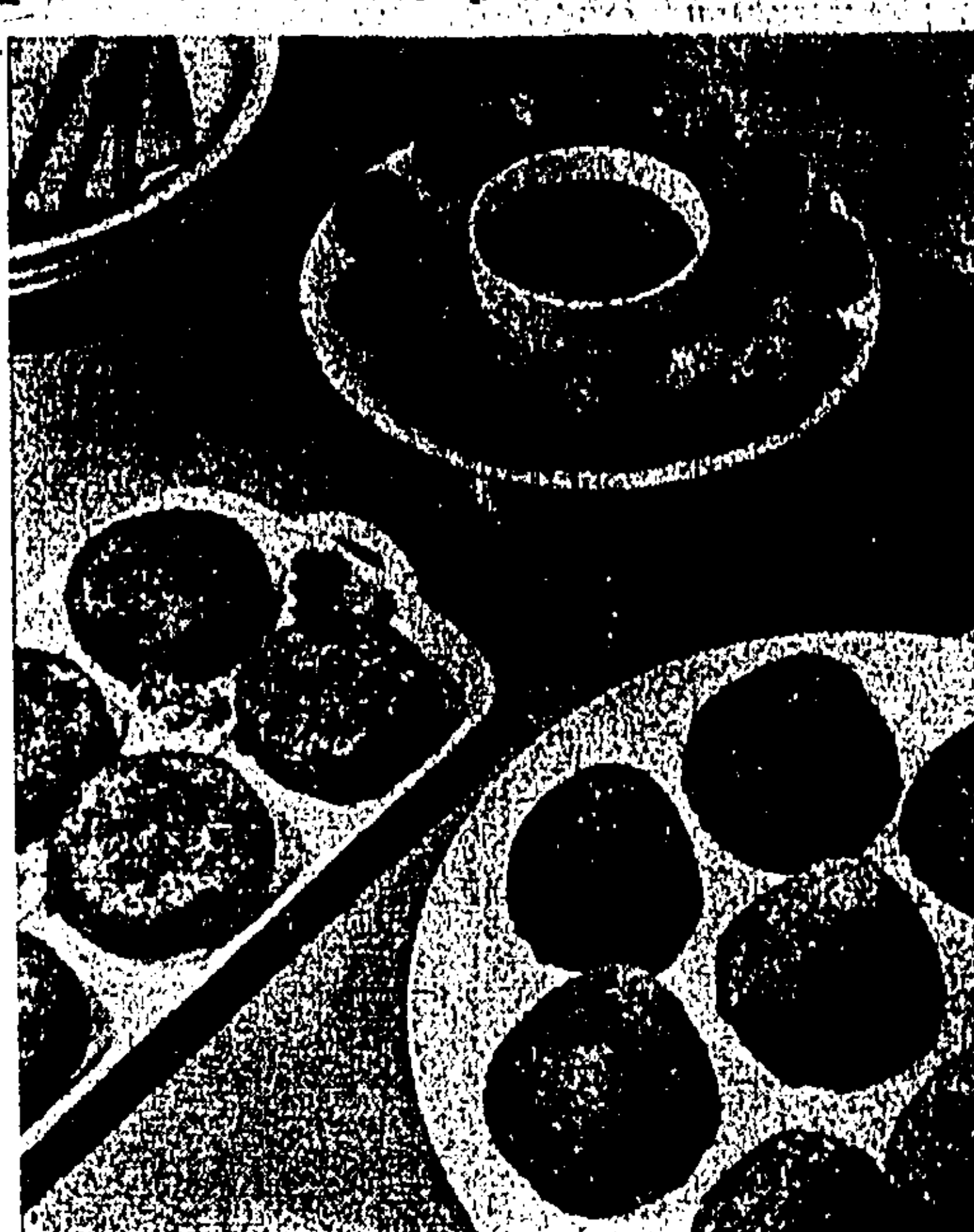
"Rain, my dear," said Hanid, "comes from the sky."

Rupert and the Gold Acorn—8



"Rupert is very upset to think that he may have brought danger to the boys. Before he can say so there are sounds from outside. 'Quick,' whispers the boy. 'They've seen the clock! Let's find a dark place. They may see Rupert's shadow!'"

Three ways to serve shrimp: Shrimp Cocktail Balls with Tomato Mayonnaise Dip, Shrimpburgers and Shrimp-Rice Croquettes.



TWO METHODS OF FRYING THAT REQUIRE LITTLE FAT

By IDA BAILEY ALLEN

FAT takes the longest of all food constituents to digest. Even when an easily digested food such as an egg or a tender steak, is fried, the process of digesting them takes longer because of the fat which is absorbed by the food in frying.

Difficult to Digest

Most methods used for frying foods make them greasy, and therefore more difficult to digest.

For instance, foods fried top-of-stove in a frying-pan absorb more fat than when properly deep-fried.

"The two methods we use for pan-frying in our test-kitchen make it unnecessary to use much fat," observed the Chef. "I refer to the methods we developed, Madame, steam-frying and oven-frying."

Steam-Frying can be used for raw sliced onions, or raw potatoes, shredded cabbage, string beans, sliced carrots, strips of green pepper, sweet corn kernels, pork chops, (fat mostly removed).

Oven-Frying: Use for frying sliced cooked cereals, scrapple, potatoes, onions, eggplant, chicken, rabbit, veal cutlet, fish and croquettes.

Thick-rub a baking pan with good quality shortening. Brush the food to be oven-fried with melted shortening; dust on seasonings. Place in the pan.

Bake-fry in a hot oven, 450° F., until golden brown. Brush the food to be oven-fried with melted shortening; dust on seasonings. Place in the pan.

Croquettes, when coated as described in today's recipe for shrimp croquettes, can also be deep-fried in fat of the right temperature, as the coating forms a wall through which fat does not penetrate.

Dinner

Yankee Bean Soup, Croutons

Shrimpburgers

Creamed Diced Potatoes

Buttered Chopped Kale

Jellied Orange-Date Slices

Coffee Tea Milk

All Vegetables Are Level

Recipes Proportioned to Serve 4 to 6

Shrimp-Rice Croquettes. To ¼ c. thick white sauce add 1 c. cooked rice, 1 (4 oz.) tin mushrooms, chopped, 1 c. fine-chopped cooked shrimp, ¼ tsp. salt, ¼ tsp. pepper, ¼ tsp. monosodium glutamate and ¼ tsp. Tabasco. Chill.

Form into croquettes. Dip the croquettes in 1 egg beaten slightly with 1 tsp. water, then in fine dry bread crumbs.

Fry golden brown in deep fat, 375° F. Drain on absorbent paper.

Shrimpburgers: Follow the preceding recipe, but shape into flat round patties. Coat in egg and crumbs. Pan-fry on both sides in enough vegetable oil to keep from sticking.

Shrimp Cocktail Balls: Shape the mixture for shrimp-rice croquettes into marble-sized balls; finish and deep-fry as directed. Serve with Tomato Mayonnaise Dip.

The Chef's Tomato Mayonnaise Dip

Combine ¼ c. tomato puree, ¼ c. mayonnaise, 1 tsp. lemon juice, ½ tsp. Worcestershire, ½ tsp. powdered basil, and 1 tbsp. horse-radish.

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AWAY FROM THE SADDLE



Away from the saddle, Pat Smythe settles down for an evening with the guitar at her home at Morden, Gloucestershire. Pat, recently voted for the third time as Sportsman of the Year, is an accomplished player and has a large collection of gramophone records devoted to the guitar.

Recently televiewers heard her sing to her own accompaniment on the instrument. Pat who has been riding since she was four years old and won her first big jumping competition at the Richmond Royal Show in 1939, is now getting ready for the Olympic equestrian events at Stockholm in June. She is a member of the British Show Jumping team for the Games.—Reuterphoto.

WORLD TABLE TENNIS TOURNEY

England's Chances Considered Brightest In Corbillion Cup

London, Feb. 15.

England's table tennis team for the World Championships in Tokyo in April has no surprises.

As expected, Johnny Leach, Richard Bergmann and the left-hander, Brian Kennedy, comprise the Men's team to contest the Swaythling Cup, with former World Champion Victor Barna, who will be in Tokyo as coach to the Indian team, sportingly coming out of semi-retirement to act as reserve.

Ann Haydon, the 17-year-old Birmingham girl, who recently beat World Champion Angela Hargrave, and the twins, Rosalind Cornett and Diana Rowe, will comprise the Women's team.

There is only one drawback, the full team will go only if sufficient funds are available and to date the money needed has not all been raised. But an ETFA official said today that he thought there would be no difficulty.

The London morning paper, the Daily Mail has offered to pay Miss Haydon's fare, together with that of her mother who would act as her chaperon, but the ETFA does not reveal if it is prepared to accept the offer.

STRONGEST AVAILABLE

Both the teams are the strongest available and should distinguish themselves in Japan. Leach and Bergmann are former World Singles Champions and the Rowe twins are previous holders of the Women's World Doubles title.

England's chances are considered the brightest in the Corbillion Cup, but there are also hopes that Miss Haydon, after her recent successes in the French Championships over the title-holder, and Linda Ward, the runner-up, might win the Singles crown in the World Championships.—France-Press.

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Record Entry Of Nations In Sight For 1956 Olympic Games

A record entry of nations for the 1956 Olympic Games is now assured, said Lieut-General W. Bridgeford, Chief Executive Officer of the Olympic Organising Committee.

"We have no doubt now that the Melbourne Games will be the most representative in all Olympic history," he declared.

Recent entries from the Republic of China and Lebanon brought the total to 67—two less than the number of teams competing at the last Games at Helsinki. However, officials with Hungarian runners competing in Melbourne in December informed the Olympic Organising Committee that Hungary would enter a team of about 150, and Spain was reported to have reversed its decision not to send a team.

Fifteen other nations have still to reply to the Organising Committee's invitation to send teams.

Commemorative medallions of the 1956 Olympic Games will be issued to 11,500 people who compete or have some other role in staging the Olympic Games.

The Duke of Edinburgh, who will open the Games, the Prime Minister of Australia, Mr R.G. Menzies, who is President of the Games, and Mr Avery Brundage, President of the International Olympic Committee, are among those who will receive them.

Designed by a Hungarian-born Melbourne sculptor, Mr Andor Meszaros, the medallion illustrates the march past of the world's athletes, with one figure carrying the Olympic flag. The reverse side bears the Coat of Arms of Melbourne and the five-ring Olympic symbol.

GROWING FAST

With interest in the Olympics growing fast, seat bookings have almost reached 400,000—but there are still about 800,000 tickets left to be booked. Box office receipts to date are £256,273.

Only sessions booked out are the Opening Ceremony for Australians, but not for overseas visitors, and most of the local seats for swimming and gymnastics. Two extra sessions of gymnastics are expected to be arranged to cope with the unexpectedly heavy entry of teams.

Special quotas of seats at every programme are reserved for overseas bookings but they will not be held beyond the middle of 1956.

Early estimates of about 40,000 interstate and overseas visitors may be exceeded. With 11 months to go, bookings had been made by 23,735 interstate and overseas visitors. Another 3,081 in Victorian country districts had booked.

From these quotas, 63,200 seats have been booked by 5,732 intending visitors. New Zealanders head the list with 40,000 bookings by over 3,000 people. The United Kingdom is next with 1,180 intending visitors while 600 Americans have booked.

"GLAMOUR" JOBS

Hundreds of women have been attracted by the "glamour" Olympic job of chauffeur to international Olympic officials and other high ranking visitors to Melbourne during the Olympic Games.

An immediate response to the Organising Committee's appeal for voluntary woman drivers brought 350 written applications and many telephone inquiries by early December.

Applications came mainly from Melbourne women but also from distant parts of Australia. One application came from Port Knox, Kentucky, USA.

The Organising Committee says that more applications are required.

Wearing attractive uniforms the successful applicants will drive a fleet of cars made available without charge to the Organising Committee by leading car manufacturers or distributors.

Sweden Wins

Stockholm, Feb. 15. Sweden defeated the United States in an international ice hockey match here tonight by 4 goals to 3, period scores (Sweden first) being 2-2, 0-1, 2-0.—Reuter.

Weather conditions likely to occur in Melbourne during the Olympic Games are a factor the competing nations must take into account in preparing their teams.

The Games start on November 22 and last until December 8. In this early summer period the weather is unpredictable and if last year's conditions are a guide there will be no lack of variety.

The 17 days opened and closed in a blaze of sunshine. In between, the Melbourne Weather Bureau recorded almost every kind of weather, with fine days predominating.

November 23 was fine and hot. The temperature reached a maximum of 89 deg. Fahrenheit at 3 p.m., but soon cooled. The second day, corresponding with the opening of the main athletic programme, was fine and mild with some light showers.

Records for the 15 dates of actual competition show that six were cloudy but fine, five brought light showers to heavy rain, and four were sunny and warm to hot.

Daily maximum temperatures over the whole 17 days ranged from 57.1 deg. Fahrenheit to 95.3 deg., but on most days readings were in the sixties and seventies.

So the tip for visitors is: be prepared for warm weather, but bring your top coat as well.

CHARGES REDUCED

The Olympic Organising Committee has reduced the daily charge for athletes and officials who will live in the Olympic Village at this year's Games.

The Committee, at its meeting on December 18, reduced the charge from 75/- a day as previously announced, to 70/- a day. The reduction was made after

further consideration of costs. The daily charge includes the cost of transport between the Village and competition sites. (20 shillings Australian is equal to 10/- Sterling or 2.24 dollars USA).

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International Skating

American Breaks 500 Metres Local Record

Stockholm, Feb. 15.

In the international skating competition at Arvika tonight, Donald McDermott (United States) broke the local record for the 500 metres speed-skating event with a time of 43.0 seconds. Second was S. Takemura (Japan) 43.8 seconds, and Y. Hori and T. Asakura respectively fifth and sixth with 45.0 and 45.1 seconds.

Other results were:

1,500 Metres:
1. Signrud (Norway) 2 minutes 22.8 seconds.
2. Donald McDermott (United States) 2 minutes 23.1 seconds.
3. Y. Hori (Japan) 2 minutes 23.5 seconds.

4. Oedegard (Norway) 2 minutes 25.4 seconds.
5. Takemura (Japan) 2 minutes 26.8 seconds.

3,000 METRES

1. Knud Johansson (Norway) 4 minutes 53.2 seconds.
2. Knut Tankega (Norway) 4 minutes 54.2 seconds.
3. T. Asakura (Japan) 4 minutes 59.7 seconds.
4. Oedegard (Norway) 5 minutes 0.8 seconds.
5. Gomi (Japan) 5 minutes 01.7 seconds.—France-Press.

DESPITE THAT GAVILAN DECISION....

Britain's Boxing Bosses Musn't Panic

Says DENNIS HART

Mass hysteria has overtaken British boxing.

It began last week when ten thousand spectators booed the victory of Peter Waterman over Kid Gavilan. Now ten times ten thousand fans are demanding action, not so much against the referee but against the whole British refereeing system.

"Scrap it" is the cry—followed by a clamour for the American system to be adopted in which judges give the verdict, leaving the referee to control the fight.

From further afield come reports that foreign boxers will not fight in Britain because they may not get a square deal. The whole sport is ruined, wall the moaners.

And all because Mr Ben Green, the kindly-faced referee from Leeds, said that an English lad called Waterman had beaten the Cuban Gavilan.

Do they ever get a bad decision in America? You wouldn't think so judging by the things being said in Britain just now. Yet it is less than a year ago that John Simpson, manager of Don Cockell, said that the British fighter would not enter the ring against Rocky Marciano until he had sorted out the rules of the Californian Boxing Association.

THE ONLY WAY

On this side of the Atlantic the whole of boxing Britain cheered Simpson, declaring that this was the only way a Briton could get a square deal in America.

Remember what happened after that fight time they had got home British critics were still screaming that Cockell hadn't stood a chance and that had the fight been in Britain, Marciano would have been disqualified.

So much for the American system.

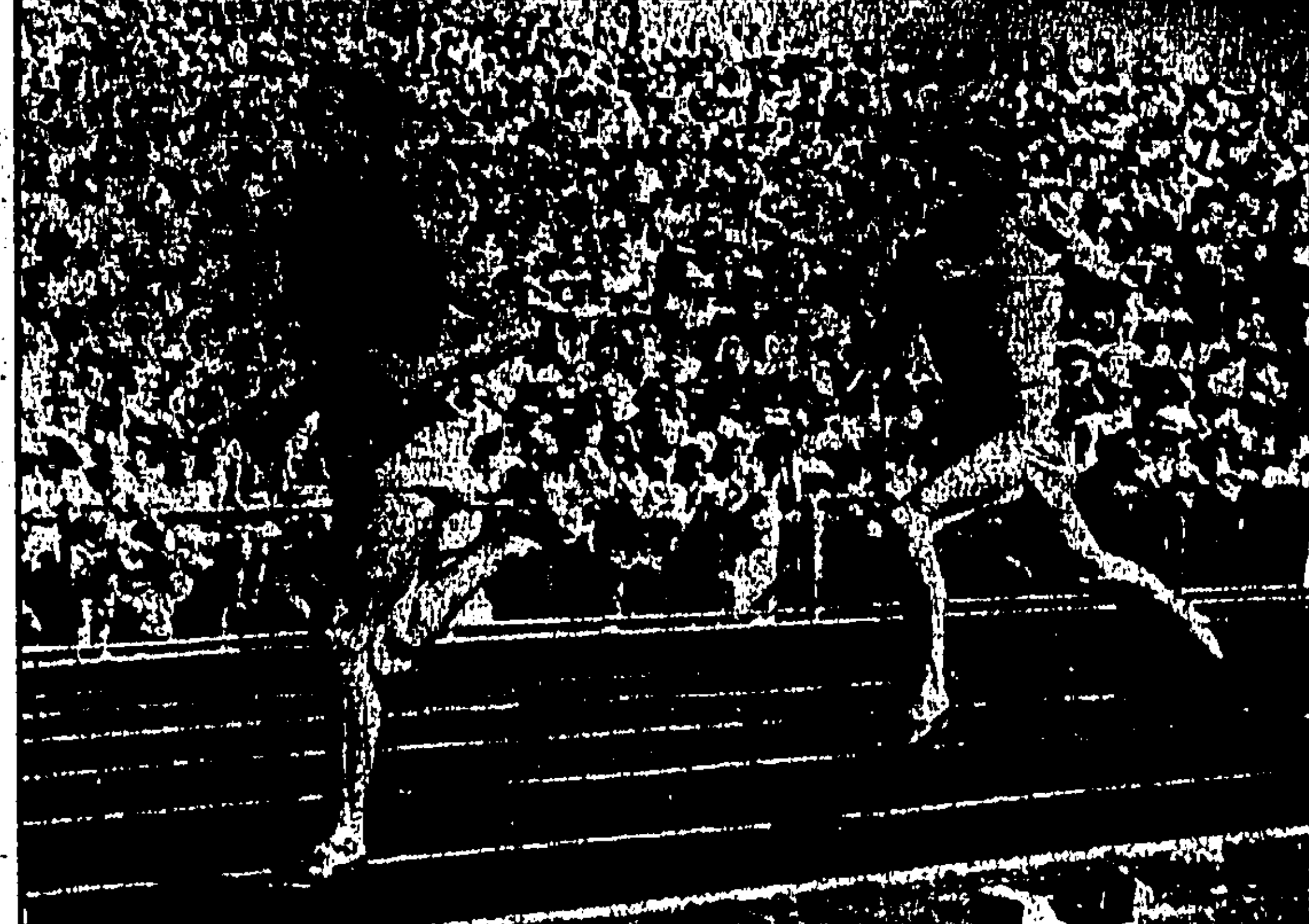
Britain, as it happens, does have a system of boxing judges. It is used in the amateur side of the game. And what a wonderful one some of the verdicts reached. Olympic boxing has judges, too. No comment.

So before throwing out one system Britain must make sure that the replacement is an improvement. That is up to the Board of Control to decide when, on February 22, they hold a special "court of inquiry" into the Harringay fight.

I think they will decide to carry on with the present British system.

They may press for improvement. These are needed—

LANDY'S GREAT MILE



John Landy, the Australian holder of the World's Mile record (3 mins 58 secs) leading Mervyn Lincoln during the recent race on the Olympic Park track at Melbourne when Landy again beat 4 mins, returning a time of within six tenths of a second of his world record. Landy has only just returned to the track after a lay-off, and now proposes to train for the Olympics.—Central Express Photo.

Donald Campbell Awarded "Segrave Trophy" For His World Water Speed Mark

Donald Campbell, 34-year-old son of the late Sir Malcolm Campbell, has been awarded the Segrave Trophy for 1955, for establishing a world water speed record of 216.2 m.p.h.

The trophy, first awarded in 1930, is to the memory of the late Sir Henry Segrave, and is awarded to the British subject who in the judgment of the awarding committee has accomplished the most outstanding demonstration of the possibilities of transport by land, air or water during the year.

Zarko Dolinar, Europe's top table tennis star and a finalist in last season's World Championships, will not defend his English "Open" title at Manchester this month. He is still under a three months suspension by the Yugoslavian association for alleged non-co-operation in entering certain Championships.

Ted Drake, former Arsenal and England centre-forward and now manager of League Cham-

pions Chelsea, wants the FA Cup to be stopped at this time of the year, and to have an eight week gap from the middle of December until the latter half of February.

Says Drake: "It is time we woke up to the fact that weather conditions at this time generally make it impossible to play skilful and scientific football. The game becomes a farce which is unfair to both sides and to the fans."

Honved, the Hungarian Army Football club which supplies so many great players to the Hungarian National team, next month pay their first visit to London. They are booked to play Tottenham Hotspur under floodlights on Monday, March 12. This will be Honved's final game of a week's tour starting at Wolverhampton the previous Monday.

SOCCER "GENIUS"

Alce Stock, the 37-year-old soccer "genius" who transferred Leyton Orient from a Cinderella club into a serious promotion prospect, and who resigned last week to take up a new post as team manager of Arsenal, started work at Highbury on Monday. His appointment, said an official statement from Highbury, did not affect the position of Jack Crayston, Whitaker's assistant manager. "They will both have separate duties," said Mr Whitaker.

The British Amateur Athletic Association are making enquiries about new photographic equipment with a view to installing portable photo-finish cameras at all major athletic meetings in Britain. Debatable decisions by judges is the reason behind the enquiries. Photo-finish cameras were last used in Britain at the 1948 Olympic Games.

Gordon Pirie, recovering from an Achilles tendon injury, will

HOME RUGGER

London, Feb. 15. Ruby League Cup, first round results: Liverpool City 13 Hull Kings 5. Swinton 18 Batley 0. Both ties were postponed last Saturday because of frost.—Reuter.

not contest any of the major Cross Country Championships in the near future. Pirie said in London that he does not expect to race again before June or July.

The Amateur Athletic Association may soon consider introducing a full competitive winter season in Britain. Negotiations are now going on for the purchase of a Continental-type portable wooden track which could be used at most of the indoor stadiums in the country. The only indoor track to be used in this country—for a few meetings at Wembley—was destroyed during the war.

STAND REBUILT

Surrey County Cricket Club are having the East Mound stand at the Oval rebuilt as a double-decker. One part of it was damaged during the war. This stand, which seats 1,000, is the Test match. Surrey have spent about £50,000 in improvements during the last two years. The gasometer side of the ground is now almost entirely modernised.

The Rev David Sheppard, former Cambridge University, Sussex and England batsman, will play only about three weeks next class cricket this year. Sheppard was regarded in some circles as the answer to England's opening problem. But says Sheppard: "I shall not have enough county cricket to be considered for Test matches."

Russia is to be invited to send two golfers to Britain next summer. If they accept they will play in the Open at Hoylake in July. This would be to qualify them for the Canada Cup tournament to be staged at Wentworth in June.

Kilbane Lave, the 21-year-old Tugay boxer, plans to tour Canada with sporting partner Colin Strach. Lave, who says he is considering offers by several managers in America, will leave as soon as he has sold up his office and trading quarters here. Contract trouble with his managers, the Woodcock brothers, is believed to be the main reason for his leaving Britain.

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THE GAMBOLE



Barry Appleby



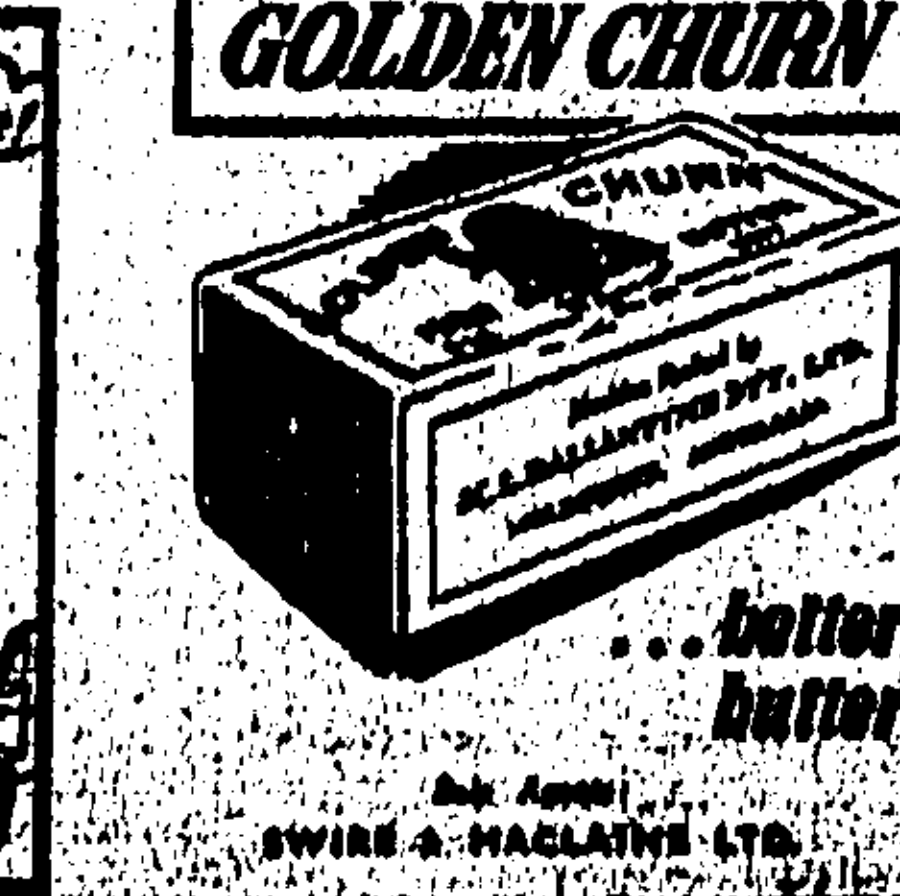
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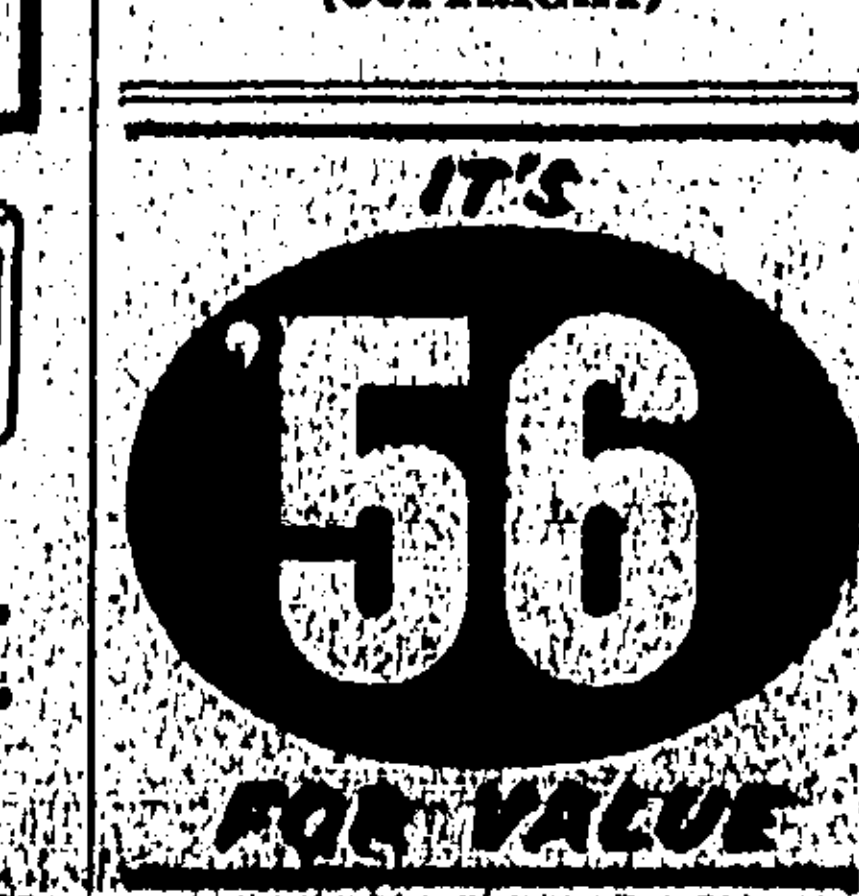
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Hong Kong, 15th February, 1956.

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BRITAIN TO REBUILD THE ROYAL MINT

London, Feb. 15.

The Royal Mint, which has made the British coinage for over 1,000 years, is to be rebuilt and enlarged.

The mint not only makes coins for Britain but also for Commonwealth and some foreign countries, including Burma, Jordan, Iraq, Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Guatemala.

In the past century, its output has increased from 25,000,000 coins a year to more than 500,000,000 in 1954. Hence the need for more space. The cost of rebuilding, which will take some years, is estimated at £925,000 and the work will be done in stages so as not to interrupt production. This year is likely to be occupied in preparing plans.

Moved In 1810

The Royal Mint was established near Tower Hill, on the north bank of the River Thames, in 928 AD by King Athelstan.

For over 500 years, from the year 1300, it was actually within the Tower of London, the ancient fortress and former Royal Palace, near Tower Hill. Then, in 1810, it was moved a few hundred yards away to the site of a former 14th century Cistercian Abbey, on the east side of Tower Hill where it still stands.

For years after its establishment, the Royal Mint, however, did not have the monopoly of making the coinage in circulation in this country.

Athelstan, grandson of Alfred the Great, declared that the minting of money was a Royal prerogative, but the unwillingness, in practice, to retain this privilege to himself. And up to the time of Edward IV (1461-1483), there were a number of private mints at which merchants, landowners, Archbishops and others produced the money to be used in their own areas.

One Denomination

During the first five centuries of its existence, the Mint coined only one denomination of currency—the silver penny. Then gold coins were minted and the range of coinage extended from a farthing to £5.

But silver remained the basis of the coinage until it was replaced by gold in the 18th century.

The most famous of the Masters of the Mint was Sir Isaac Newton, the famous mathematician, who first expounded the law of gravity and who was Minister from 1698 until he died 28 years later.

One strange thing about the Mint is that though it contains so much wealth—the very sweepings from the floor are worth about £2,000 a year—it seems rarely to have tempted the criminal.

Rare Errors

The last robbery was in 1798 when the Mint was still inside the Tower of London.

An employee, after holding up a colleague at pistol point, escaped with more than 2,000 guineas. But not for long. He

was brought to justice and, in due course, hanged for his theft.

One of the Mint's very rare errors came to light in July 1953, when it produced a double-headed instead of a single-headed shilling among the Elizabeth II coins.

The shilling was found by Mr Harold Connor, a Londoner, while counting the money in his cafe till. He took it to the Mint, where experts said it was "a 25,000,000 to one" chance.

Such mistakes in manufacture are made almost impossible by the elaborate system of checking and the precision of the machinery.

Specimens of all denominations of coins made at the Mint are officially tested at a ceremony known as the Trial of the Pyx held in the Goldsmiths' Hall, London, to determine whether they are correct in every detail. The Pyx is a box or chest containing the specimen coins.

Not Honest

Present at the Trial, which is carried out by Freemen of the Goldsmiths' company, are the Queen's Remembrancer, a member of the Royal Household representing the Queen, members of the Board of Trade and officials of the Royal Mint.

This Trial was instituted in the time of Henry III (1216-1272) because in early days the makers of the king's money could not always be trusted.—China Mail Special.

Caribbean Conference



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The British Caribbean Federation conference, whose purpose is to work out a plan for combining all British Caribbean islands into a new Commonwealth Dominion, opened last week in London. British Colonial Secretary Alan Lennox-Boyd told delegates that the British government is prepared to introduce an enabling bill into Parliament for the Federation move—and it could pass through all its stages before the summer recess. He said the centre is Mr Norman Manley, Jamaica's Chief Minister, with two conference colleagues. Mr Manley told the conference he was against creating difficulties by the formulation of "first-class" constitutions.—Express Photo.

Goa Post Dynamited

Goa, Feb. 15.
Seven Indian terrorists dynamited a long-abandoned Portuguese customs and police post at Chandel on Monday, Portuguese authorities said today.
A month ago an attempt was made to set fire to the post, they said.—United Press.

English 'Public School' For Mau Mau Boys

By Henderson Gall

Wamuna, Central Kenya, Feb. 14.

Former Mau Mau boy gangsters, many of them proved killers, are being trained on English public school lines at the Wamuna Boys' Approved School here—and the system seems to be working.

The emphasis is on hard work, character training, strict discipline, the three R's, and a system of trust.

The best boys are made prefects and special "deputies," a burning torch mounted on a dark blue and light blue shield bearing the word "Service," are awarded for outstanding services to the school and co-operation with the authorities.

About the beginning of December, however, the tide began to turn.

The official attitude here and principle of rehabilitation is: "We are not interested in delving into your past. We are not principally interested in what you may have done when you were in Mau Mau. But we will judge you on what you do and how you behave here."

Other Requests

The head, Major George Gardner, who has a total of over 30 years' army service, told me when I visited Wamuna that his school had become so widely known and approved in five months that requests are now coming in for boys who have never been connected with Mau Mau to be trained there.

The 1,000 youths, aged between 9 and 16, attending the school are all held on District Detention Orders, made out by their local District Officers under the Emergency regulations.

They are detained there during the Governor's pleasure.

Their sentences will be automatically reviewed every four years and more than 100 of them are proved killers, with many more Mau Mau thugs and gunmen.

Odd Boy

The majority, however, were probably Mau Mau messengers and other small fry—forced into the movement by unscrupulous leaders. They have all taken at least one Mau Mau oath.

When they arrived from the big detention camps they were "hardcore" and extremely sullen.

Apart from the odd boy who early threw in his hand com-

Never Short

Boys came forward voluntarily, I was told, and made a clean breast of Mau Mau activities, at first in private, perhaps in their living huts. Gradually, this spread to confessionals in the school. Now, the school authorities estimate that almost every boy in the school has confessed.

"We are never short of volunteers," Major Gardner said. "They have built their own school, which holds 800, seven football pitches, a running track, volleyball and basketball pitches, and a church."

It is hoped that by training the boys for 18 months, or two years, and then releasing them to stable employment with good homes assured, the talent of Mau Mau will have been completely eradicated, and the boys will be able to make the most of a new chance in life.

On Essentials

Twenty-one of the most irreconcilable boys were removed shortly after the camp opened in August. They planned a mass escape and attempted to intimidate others into non-cooperation with the authorities. Nine others were retained as having a possible future.

Education is based on the essentials of literacy. But, for boys who have the aptitude and desire, and they are in the majority, further education takes place in the school workshops.

Here they can learn to become craftsmen in shoe-making, carpentry or other building crafts and tailoring. A group of boys run the camp power house with a minimum of supervision.

Many of the boys have said, after instruction in the principles of simple building, that they "never knew it was so easy."

Most of them are Kikuyu, the tribe mainly affected by Mau Mau, and are natural craftsmen. In their huts, using only mud and water, they have modelled "wireless sets," complete with aerial, odd glassy-eyed, military heads, complete with uniform caps, animals and other ornate designs.

Reproduce It

Apparently a gifted Kikuyu boy has merely to see some ornament or design, perhaps in an European house, and he can reproduce it.

There seems every hope so far that these boys will be fitted to take a responsible and active part in life in their villages when they finally leave this "public school."—China Mail Special.

Farmer's Livestock: Cats Only

Amsterdam, Feb. 15.
A court at Groningen restricted the livestock of a local farmer may keep to cats, after he and his wife were found guilty of neglecting their cattle and sheep.

The judge excepted cats from the ban because, he said, they were quite capable of looking after themselves.

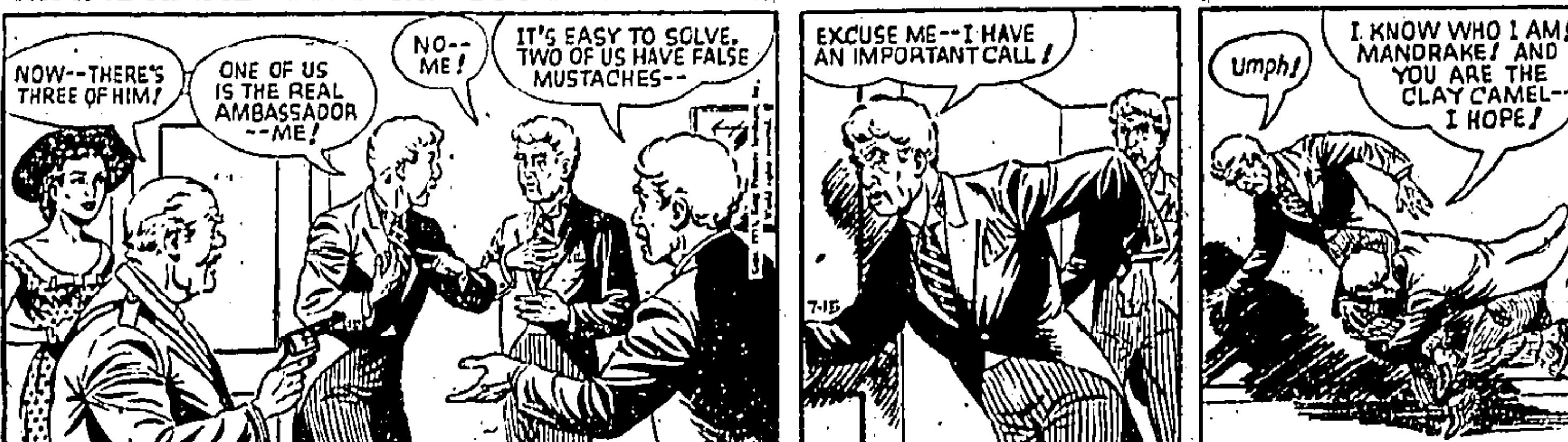
The couple were also given a suspended one-month jail sentence.—China Mail Special.

Test-Tube Boys

Tokyo, Feb. 15.
Artificial insemination is producing more boys than girls in Japan.
Of 128 births induced by artificial means, 93 were boys.—China Mail Special.

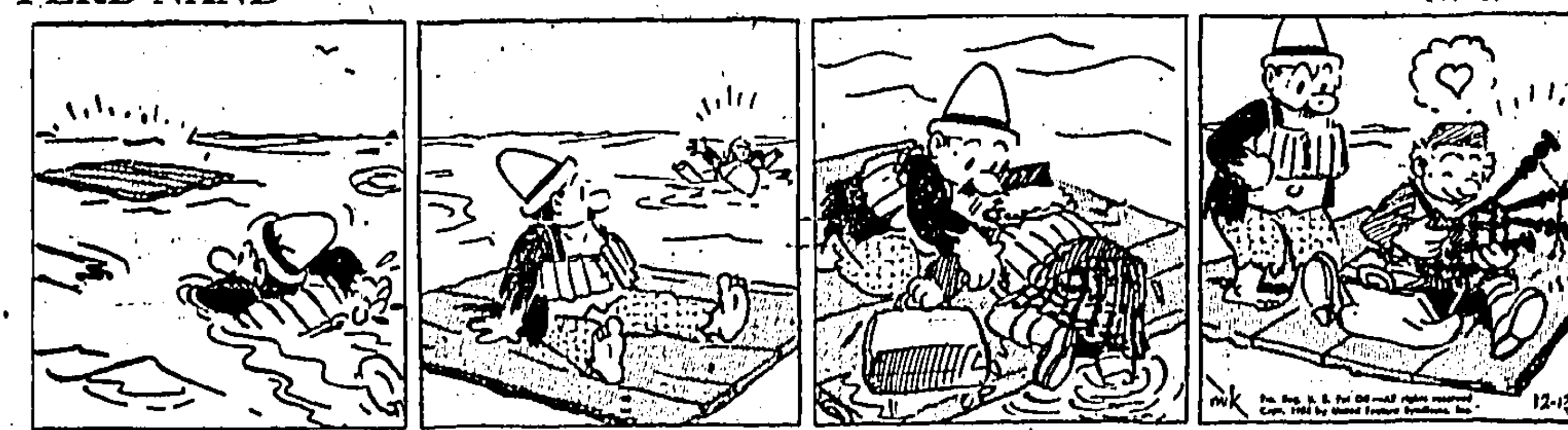
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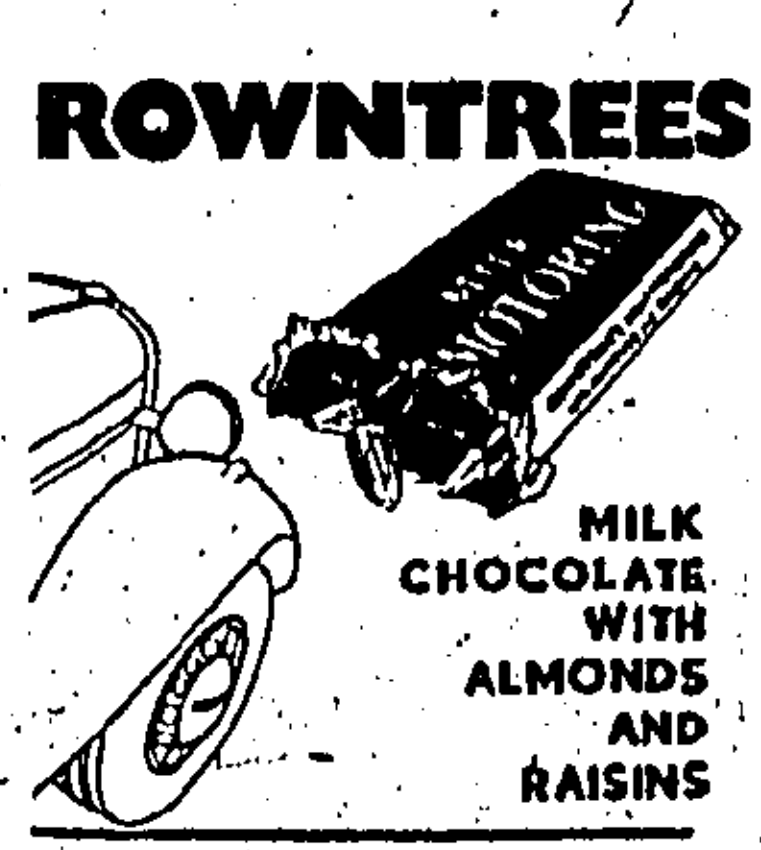
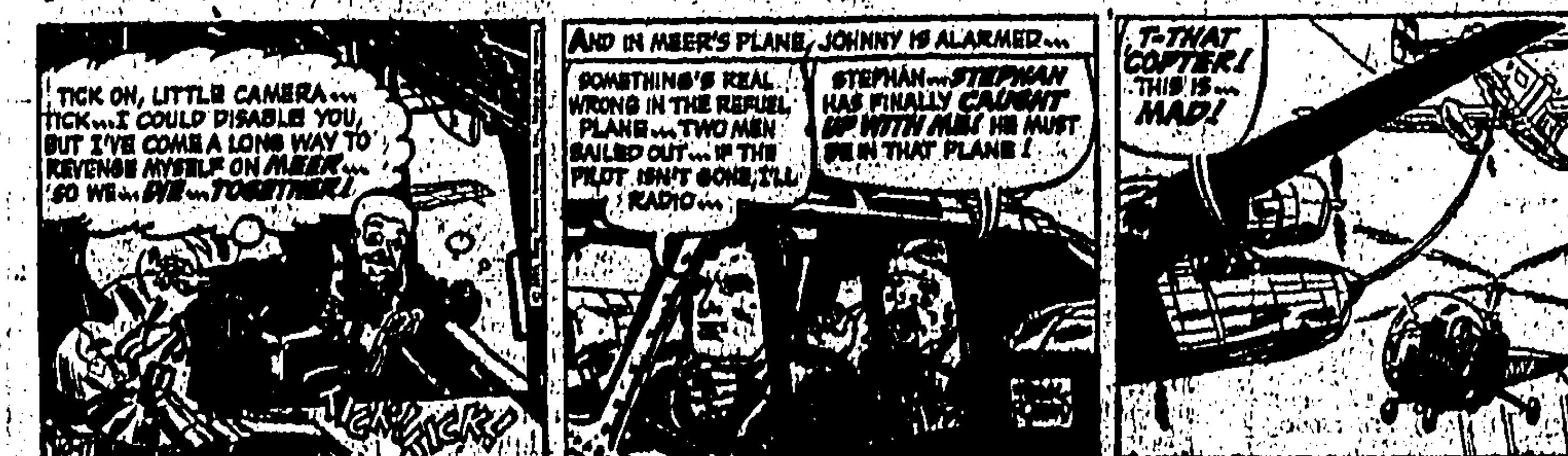
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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

The Farmer's Wife

DEEP in the country, news travels fast, and by the time Elizabeth was stepping out of the train at Paddington, probably most of her neighbours knew that she had gone off to London for a day's shopping.

Some would envy her, and some marvel that anyone should go so far to shop, for trains from the station nearest to the farm where Elizabeth and her family live, take four hours to reach London. "She's been looking so tired," some would say, "how can she face such a day?"

In London, Elizabeth, a tall, handsome woman of 51, went to a West End store where she had an account.

ON ACCOUNT—AND OFF

SHE bought one or two things, which she ordered should be booked to her account, then, instead of asking for things to be booked, or paying for them with the money or cheques she carried, Elizabeth began to steal.

A store detective saw her steal first a bulky bath mat, which she thrust under her fur coat, then a pair of kitchen scissors, some plastic protective sleeves, some pairs of gloves, some plastic bags.

On and on Elizabeth went. For one hour the store detective watched Elizabeth steal, then she followed her out of the store.

AN OLD FRIEND

"I MUST ask you to come to the manager's office," the store detective said, "you must come and see the general manager."

"Listen, can't you be reasonable," Elizabeth begged. "Won't you let me see your general manager in the morning? That could not be allowed. Elizabeth followed the store detective back into the shop. The police were called.

Elizabeth spent the night in London, and during the course of it, called up a woman doctor she had known for 30 years, and explained what had happened.

HIGHEST INTEGRITY

WHEN Elizabeth appeared at Marlborough Street next morning, and the police had told their story to Mr Paul Bennett, VC, the magistrate, the doctor went into the witness-box.

"I saw Elizabeth last night," she said. "I found her very much exhausted. Her heart was very tender. I think she's been very much over-worked, doing much too much. I think that she might become absent-minded in a rush like there would be at the sales. But there had been no sale on in the store Elizabeth had visited."

"I think she was really much too tired to have come up to shop at all," the gently-mannered woman doctor went on. "May I say that I consider Elizabeth to be a person of the highest integrity and that her moral standards are extraordinarily high."

THE LONG JOURNEY HOME

COUNSEL for Elizabeth rose. "I would only ask you to find," he said to the magistrate, "that a state of mental and physical exhaustion could make one careless."

The magistrate said to Elizabeth: "I can't see how your condition as described by counsel and your doctor tallies with your actions. You must pay a fine of ten pounds, and five guineas costs."

Elizabeth went out. Later she left for her home on the other side of England, a four-hour journey with a nightmaric thought for company. It would not be long before the neighbours all knew what had happened to her in London. Deep in the country, news travels so fast, so cruelly fast.

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